

Marathon talks continue to finalize bank shares plan

Representatives of the commercial banks and the Bank of Israel yesterday were working around the clock to complete the details of the agreement reached on Monday on the state guaranteed bank shares.

The commercial banks, meanwhile, reported a considerable easing of the demand for dollars at their foreign-currency counters.

The meeting follows an accord in principle reached early this week by the banks and a special ministerial committee headed by Deputy Prime Minister David Levy on ways to implement the cabinet's decision to guarantee the dollar value of the shares after five years.

The agreement reached by the banks and the committee contains some secret clauses on ways the government will support the prices of bank shares when the Tel Aviv

Stock Exchange reopens next Sunday.

The Knesset Finance Committee yesterday heard a report by Levy on the negotiations which led to the agreement.

At the end of the meeting, it was decided to set up a subcommittee that will hear from the government and the banks about the details of the agreement, behind closed doors.

One committee member commented that the issues are so delicate that utmost discretion is needed.

Under the agreement, the government undertook to guarantee the dollar value of the shares at the end of five years.

At the end of that period, holders of shares issued in the past will be able to get the shekel equivalent of \$104 for every \$100 worth of shares in their possession, calculated at the

exchange rate in effect on October 6, i.e. 1965.2 to the dollar.

But until the end of the five years, the bank shares will be tradable at market prices in the stock exchange, and the big question is what investors will do when trade is renewed next week.

Both the banks and the government are widely concerned with a possible flood of shares being offered by disappointed investors, which could lead to a sharp drop in their value.

The main efforts of both the government and the banks during the first days of trading will be to convince the public that its losses from selling immediately would be larger than those resulting from holding onto the bank shares.

According to some reports, the government has already promised

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Knesset approves finance minister Cohen-Orgad urged to win public trust

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN
Post Knesset Reporter

Yigal Cohen-Orgad (Likud-Herut) took office yesterday as Israel's 10th minister of finance, after the Knesset approved his appointment by a vote of 60-48.

The new finance minister went straight into action, meeting at once with Bank of Israel Governor Moshe Mandelbaum and other senior officials on the final resolution of the bank share crisis.

There were no defections or abstentions in the coalition, as there were last week when Yigal Hurvitz (Rafi) abstained in the vote on Yitzhak Shamir's government.

Former finance minister Yoram Aridor walked into the chamber a few minutes before the vote, and sat down in the first row of the Likud benches next to another ex-minister, Yitzhak Berman.

This morning, the Knesset will hear three opposition no-confidence motions based on the government's economic policy.

Coalition speakers in yesterday's debate on Cohen-Orgad's appointment stressed the importance of the public's cooperation if the "new broom" is to succeed in cleaning up the economic mess.

Opposition speakers did not hold out much hope that the new minister would be able to put the economy on its feet, and not all of them wished him luck.

Adiel Amori, who led off for the Alignment, granted that Cohen-Orgad represents "the sane community of economists," and that he had differed with Aridor's policies for the past 2-4 years.

But he faulted Cohen-Orgad for



Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad makes a note at the Knesset yesterday. (Rahamim Israeli)

having muted his criticism until the last few months, when the failures of Aridor's economics were clear for all to see.

Amorai advised the new minister not to cut the budgets for education, health, or social welfare. What should be cut, he said, are allocations for settlements in Judea and Samaria. "It is that expenditure that is responsible for the budget deficit of 15.35 billion," he also said the Israeli troops should be pulled out of Lebanon.

Naftali Feder (Alignment-Mapam) charged that the Likud government, which once boasted of "being good to the people," is now demanding that the working public pay the full price of Aridor's "correct economics."

The government designs against the cost-of-living increment are nothing but an attempt "to steal from the worker's pocket" the party

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Liberals face splits and party's demise

By SARAH HONIG
Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Likud circles yesterday spoke of a *de facto* split in the Liberal Party or of its imminent demise. The Liberals, meanwhile, still smarting over their failure to win the finance portfolio and energetically trading recriminations, started girding for the looming battle over the Foreign Ministry.

In some Liberal quarters, there is faint hope that when Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir spoke of compensating the party, he meant giving it the Foreign Ministry, which at present is still under his care. He is expected to delegate the portfolio within the next two or three months, however, a fact which is already causing tensions in the Likud, but especially within the feuding Liberal wing.

Two Liberals already have their eye on the portfolio — Energy Minister Yitzhak Moda'i and Knesset Speaker Menahem Savidor; but Deputy Prime Minister David Levy of Herut must be reckoned as a powerful contender for the post.

The battle over the Foreign Ministry may well mark the formal end of the Liberal Party as a single political entity, it is thought in the Likud.

Savidor is one of the Liberal "gang of four," which also includes MKs Yitzhak Berman, Dror Zeigerman and Dan Tichon, and which is seeking separate factional status in the Likud. The four demand the portfolio, by claiming their right as a faction with four MKs which is not represented in the cabinet. Their reaction, if they are turned down, cannot be predicted, coalition sources warned yesterday.

Moda'i may be even further thwarted by rivals among the remaining 13 Liberal MKs, who do not wish to see his reputation enhanced to a point that he may be elevated to a position of leadership in the party.

At the same time, circles close to Levy were issuing reports yesterday to the effect that Shamir had already promised the foreign affairs portfolio to the deputy premier. They said that when the two were competing for the premiership, they reached an agreement whereby the loser in the contest would be able to

choose whichever portfolio he wished in the new government. Levy made it clear that his choice is Shamir's foreign affairs portfolio, to enable him to gain some experience in international politics, an asset he needs when he next seeks the leadership of Herut.

Another Liberal failure, should Shamir be fully committed to Levy or because of internal Liberal feuds, would bring the Liberal Party to inevitable formal division, it was said yesterday.

In such an eventuality, it was thought that the rebellious four-some would go one way, Moda'i's faction of five MKs would constitute another splinter, and the remaining eight Liberal MKs might also split in several directions.

One Moda'i supporter, MK Benny Shalit, proposed yesterday that the Liberal faction officially declare the party's death and that it implement many decisions reached in the past to unify the Likud into a single entity. Zeigerman said something along the same lines when he suggested that those of the Liberal Party who want to join Herut should do so; and the rest should see to it that they run on a separate ticket in the next elections. "The Liberal Party has ceased to exist," he said, "and the Likud is now Herut, which anyway brings the votes. The Liberals have no ideology and no voters — only their leaders' passion for cabinet seats."

Not all Liberals, it was said yesterday, were unhappy over the failure to win the Finance Ministry. Some groups were glad their political foes did not get it. Moda'i's supporters were blaming Industry and Trade Minister Gideon Patt of having sabotaged Moda'i's bid, while Patt heatedly denied this. The maverick four were also charged with responsibility for fanning Moda'i and/or Patt. They in turn blamed Patt and Moda'i for having put spokes in each other's wheels.

Asher Wallfish adds: Former energy minister Yitzhak Berman said yesterday that he would not run on the Likud electoral list in the next elections.

"But if some central electoral bloc is formed to contest the elections, I shall give it my support," Berman said. He did not commit

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Aridor's ouster spells rise in Arens' stock within Herut

By SARAH HONIG
Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The entry into the cabinet yesterday of Yigal Cohen-Orgad indicates renewed strength for the Herut grouping headed by Defence Minister Moshe Arens, party sources said yesterday.

Cohen-Orgad is one of the leading members in the Arens group.

The downfall of former finance minister Yoram Aridor may also mean the demise of his entire faction — once quite powerful in Met-zudal Ze'ev. Until a few months ago, Herut insiders recall, Aridor regarded himself as a front-runner in the Herut line of succession to Menachem Begin.

But these insiders also caution against drawing too many far-reaching conclusions. They note that the situation in Herut is fluid and informal, and that allegiances are chiefly on a personal level and can easily switch, as they have in the recent past.

Ideology has little to do with the internal party groupings. Herut grass roots members like hawks, and Deputy Premier David Levy's pro-settlement stance in the past year and his battle against the national unity government will stand him well among Central Committee members, despite his support

of the Camp David Accords.

Cohen-Orgad's opposition to the peace agreement with Egypt indicates no real change of emphasis in the cabinet, it is added. Aridor did not support Camp David either, it is noted.

With an Arens ally holding the finance portfolio, the Arens-Cohen-Orgad duo could become a formidable combination in future, it is thought, providing that the new finance minister can hold his head above the economic waters.

Meanwhile, Herut is lining up for the contest over portfolio changes imminent in the cabinet. David Levy is grooming himself for the Foreign Ministry, still under Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's care. Not all his rivals in the party would like to see him win a post that could help him nail a future party nomination for the premiership.

If he should receive the Foreign Ministry post, he will vacate the Housing Ministry, which would lead to a tussle between Deputy Agriculture Minister Michael Dekel and Deputy Housing Minister Moshe Katzav over the portfolio. Dekel supporters, who note that he was instrumental in Shamir's campaign for the premiership, say he already has a solid promise from Shamir that the portfolio is his.

Manufacturers welcome Cohen-Orgad

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The appointment of Yigal Cohen-Orgad as finance minister was warmly welcomed yesterday by circles close to the Manufacturers Association.

"He is an industrialist himself," one person said, "and he instinctively understands the problems facing industry as a whole, and the export sector in particular."

Moreover, he is "very close to many members of the association."

Association circles thought that the emphasis in the future will shift to the industrial sector, and attempts will be made to increase export potentials.

"We will make an effort to see him as soon as possible and explain the problems facing us," one person

said, adding that the "solution is not only governmental reshuffling of priorities, but also setting up a working agreement with the government and the Histadrut."

As for dismissals in industry, the spokesman of the Association did not believe that any large-scale move in this direction would take place. "We hear stories of dismissals here and there in industrial plants, but this is a constant phenomenon during good times and bad ones. But very few of these dismissals can be credited to the general economic situation."

Some industries face a shortage of cash to pay their workers at the end of the month. "But when the stock exchange opens, this situation will clear up considerably," he said.



Demonstrators at yesterday's Knesset protest for Prisoner of Zion Yosef Begun display placards and flag. (Isaiah Karlinsky)

Thousands at Knesset protest for Begun

Political leaders, rabbis and public figures were among thousands of demonstrators who gathered yesterday opposite the Knesset to protest against the sentencing of Prisoner of Zion Yosef Begun to 12 years' prison and exile in the Soviet Union.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, who was the first speaker, said that the Jewish people all over the world identifies with Begun and his struggle. Shamir promised that Jews would not rest until the Soviets "change their ways and free Yosef Begun and his brothers."

Shimon Peres, chairman of the Labour Party, said that the Jews could never have become a great people without individuals like Begun. He added that Begun steadfastly preferred principles and moral values to brute force.

Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Avraham Shapira emphasized the need for Jewish unity, since without it, Jews in the Diaspora would not come to live here. He called on all Jews to do everything they could to bring about Begun's release.

Sephardi Chief Rabbi Mordechai Eliahu, demanded that the Soviet Union allow Jews there to come to Israel.

Zevulun Hammer, minister of education and culture and head of the Public Committee for Yosef Begun, said that Begun is waging his fight alone against the Soviet government. The state of Israel is Begun's only hope for help, therefore Jews must not keep silent, but continue their efforts and protests until Begun is in Israel.

Hebrew University President Avraham Harman, who is the head of the Public Committee for Russian Jewry, said everything must be done to prevent Begun and his plight from being forgotten.

Sources in Jerusalem said that Begun's son Boris and fiancée Ina met with him in jail on Monday. The two were allowed to speak to Begun over a telephone while they sat in a glass booth and he sat in another. The meeting was supervised by a warder.

Begun's fiancée said he looked tired but determined. He en-

couraged her and his son to "live a full life and keep healthy." He also said that during his trial, he did not deliver a speech in his own defence which he had prepared, since he saw that it would be meaningless — the only persons present in the courtroom were the judges, the prosecutor and the guards.

Begun is not permitted to receive an unlimited number of letters while serving his sentence, but can send out only two letters a month.

In Washington, U.S. President Ronald Reagan criticized the sentence on Begun, whom he called "a courageous Jewish believer," as an inhumane act. "Soviet policy towards Jewish emigration and dissident moves has sunk to a new low of brutality and repression," he said.

In a letter addressed to UN Secretary General Javier Perez De Cuellar, Israeli Ambassador Yehuda Blum attacked what he termed as the "travesty" perpetrated by the Soviet court which sentenced Begun.

U.S. senators quiz nominee for M.E. post

By WOLF BLITZER

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — The Reagan administration will give sympathetic consideration to any additional Israeli aid requests, the State Department's incoming assistant secretary for the Middle East told Congress members yesterday.

Ambassador Richard Murphy, during lengthy confirmation hearings before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, insisted that Israel had not come forward in recent days with any additional aid requests.

Murphy's hearing followed by two hours President Ronald Reagan's National Security Council session on the Middle East.

White House and State Department officials declined to provide any details. The State Department said only that no major changes in U.S. policy should be expected.

The State Department official, who has just returned from an ambassadorial assignment in Saudi Arabia, sought to balance his support for Israel with parallel understanding for the Arab position.

In his opening statement, he said: "Our steadfast commitment to help maintain the security and well-being of Israel is a basic tenet of American foreign policy, and our close and important ties with friendly Arab states are central to this basic goal."

While refusing to release details

of the NSC meeting, Murphy did make it clear that the administration still has high hopes that Jordan's King Hussein will eventually come around to support Reagan's Middle East peace initiative.

"He (Hussein) remains ready to work with that initiative," Murphy said. "I suggest that King Hussein was and does remain interested."

There have been widespread reports in recent days that the administration is about to make a major attempt at reviving the Reagan effort and to broaden the focus of U.S. Middle East policy from merely the situation in Lebanon.

The administration has been encouraged by the disarray within the

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New adviser on women to work with Doron

By AMY LEVINSON

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Attorney Ethia Simha of Jerusalem has been appointed the next adviser to the prime minister on the status of women, and will replace outgoing adviser Dr. Nitz Shapiro-Libai on November 1. Simha will work under the auspices of the office of Minister without Portfolio Sara Doron, instead of being part of the Prime Minister's Office as was the case during Shapiro-Libai's tenure.

"I will be working on my own and also in close cooperation with Doron," Simha said yesterday. "My title and responsibilities will be the same as Shapiro-Libai's, only un-

like her, I will be working closely with the minister."

The new adviser on the status of women was born in Poland and immigrated to Israel at the age of three. She studied economics in Tel Aviv and law at Hebrew University, and is married to Judge Aaron Simha, head of the Jerusalem Magistrates Court. They have four children, ranging in age from 14 to 25.

Simha was one of several candidates — including Zohar Karti, head of the women's bureau of the Labour Ministry — for the advisory post, and was notified of her appointment on Monday. Yesterday she was introduced to a newly-set-

up forum of leaders of women's organizations called together by Doron.

"I will be working together with a new, permanent forum which is to meet once a month, dealing with the problems currently facing women and the family in many areas of life," Simha said.

Representatives of WIZO, the Israel Association of University Women, the Women Lawyers Association and other women's groups participated in yesterday's forum in Doron's office. Na'amat, the Histadrut-affiliated group, was not present, apparently for technical reasons.

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Ethia Simha

Chief of Staff: Budget cuts will affect level of security

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT

Post Defence Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Chief of Staff Rav-Aluf Moshe Levy said yesterday that even if he stops feeding the troops or producing Merkava tanks, he will not have enough money next year to maintain the present level of security. He also said he is certain that attacks on Israeli troops in Lebanon will continue. The only way to avoid being hurt is not to be there, he said.

Addressing a meeting of retired Israel Defence Forces career men at Beit Hahayal, Levy stressed the

magnitude of the cuts the government plans in the IDF budget for the coming fiscal year. He said the cuts are too great to be shrugged off by saying the army should stop wasting money.

Levy did not provide any figures.

He said, however, that despite the cuts and the fact that some of the IDF's budget — payments to retired personnel, for example — cannot be touched, the army can not afford to be lax. The enemy's forces, weapons systems and will to fight have not lessened.

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FRANKFURT	9	12	48	54
GENEVA	7	14	47	57
HELSINKI	9	11	48	52
HONG KONG	27	31	81	88
JERUSALEM	12	24	54	75
LONDON	15	20	59	68
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SAO PAULO	18	24	64	75
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THE WEATHER

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Yesterday's	Humidity	Min-Max	Min	Max
Jerusalem	48	13-22	24	24
Golan	26	17-25	25	25
Nahariya	62	14-20	27	27
Safed	23	14-23	25	25
Haifa Port	66	20-25	28	28
Tiberias	38	14-30	32	32
Nazareth	38	15-26	27	27
Afula	48	14-22	28	28
Shimon	48	15-24	26	26
Tel Aviv	58	16-25	27	27
B-G Airport	62	16-26	27	27
Jericho	31	16-31	32	32
Gaza	36	18-25	26	26
Bereshba	48	17-27	27	27
Eilat	33	17-30	32	32

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Knesset Speaker Menahem Savidor yesterday welcomed a delegation of legislators from California headed by Tom Bane. The delegation also met with Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee Chairman Eliahu Ben-Elissar and MKs Yitzhak Rabin, Shulamit Aloni and Shevah Weiss. The members of the delegation were the guests of deputy speaker Moshe Shahal, for dinner at the Knesset.

Savidor also greeted Danish Culture Minister Mimi Stilling Jacobsen and four members of the British Parliament, who are visiting Israel.

Rotarian Harold Blumberg, director of the Aaronson Museum and Nativ Archives in Zichron Ya'acov, will speak on Spies and Patriots at the weekly meeting of Jerusalem Rotary Club, 1 p.m. at the YMCA today.

Dr. Richard Rosenberg will speak on the "Z" theory of management at the Haifa Rotary Club's weekly meeting, Nof Hotel, 1 p.m. today.

UNIFIL mandate

UNITED NATIONS (Reuters). — The UN Security Council yesterday renewed the mandate of the UN Truce Supervision Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) for another six months, until April 19, 1984.

The vote in the 15-nation body was 13-0 in favour. The Soviet Union and Poland abstained, in keeping with their usual practice. Lebanon had specifically requested the six-month renewal. UNIFIL now comprises 5,780 men from 10 countries.

LIBERAL SPLITS

(Continued from Page One) himself to founding such a list himself. He said the Likud had failed to do anything at all to implement the demands of the Liberal Party in the social and economic spheres. "The Likud moved steadily to the left since it took over in 1977, and now it lies somewhere between Labour and Mapam," he said with total sincerity. "Instead of the free enterprise society which we all pledged to work for in the Liberal Party, we have the Likud working for state ownership, leading to totalitarianism, and the freedoms of the individual in the social and economic spheres are being trampled upon."

Berman noted official statistics, which showed that only 13.3 per cent of gainfully employed persons are self-employed, while in 1977, before the Likud took over, the self-employed accounted for 15.2 per cent. "And Labour sold three times more state corporations in the six years before the 1977 elections than the Likud since," he said.

"The only time the Liberals come awake is when a cabinet seat becomes free," he said. Stressing that the three other Liberals who recently demanded a national unity government along with him, were not joining him just now in abjuring membership in the next Likud list, Berman said he would not use his vote to pull the present government down.

"An alternative government would be no more effective than the present one, nor would it implement liberal programmes. The only government worth working for would be a national unity coalition," he said.

Berman said that on all other issues in the Knesset which do not upset the coalition majority, he will exercise his vote freely.

HOME NEWS

SIX DAYS TO ELECTIONS

Gurel vows to uphold religious 'status quo'

Jerusalem Post Staff and Ith

Haifa Mayor Arye Gurel yesterday pledged to develop the city's night life, but not at the cost of turning the city into another Tel Aviv. He also vowed to uphold the long-standing "status quo" on religious matters — thereby ruling out Friday night cinema shows — and affirmed that coalition commitments to religious parties will be honoured even if the Alignment is returned to power with an absolute majority.

The mayor told reporters that he is a firm believer in the status quo agreement, because it forms the basis of social stability in the city. The municipality and the public must recognize and respect the feelings of religious residents even though the latter are in the minority.

Questioned on scandals concerning senior city officials during his administration, Gurel said none of them have yet gone on trial, adding that a person is innocent until proven guilty.

At another press conference yesterday, mayoral hopeful Yael Rom said the recent economic upheavals will hurt the Likud, but will not affect her chances because she is running as an independent.

The High Court of Justice yesterday issued a temporary injunction enjoining Tel Aviv Mayor Shlomo Lahat from spending money from a supplemental budget that was not properly approved.

In applying for the injunction, Nathan Walloch, head of the Alignment faction in the Tel Aviv city council, stated that an increase in Tel Aviv's budget by IS74 million was contrary to the law and in-

cluded IS34 million for events and information work that constitutes election propaganda for Lahat.

The injunction orders Tel Aviv to freeze its use of the supplemental budget for 20 days.

In Rishon LeZion, Mayor Hanania Gibstein disclosed the results of a poll conducted for him at the beginning of the month by Hanoach Smith. The poll predicts 37 per cent of the votes for Gibstein in the first round, with the Alignment candidate receiving only 18 per cent. The Smith poll also saw a victory for Gibstein in the city council.

A short while later, the head of the Alignment list in Rishon LeZion, Meir Nizan reported the results of a poll which showed him getting 36 per cent of the votes.

Both candidates admitted, however, that more than 30 per cent of those polled had not yet decided how they would vote, and that their votes will determine the outcome of the election.

Nizan also announced that a religious list headed by attorney Yitzhak Kalmatnovski would run together with the Alignment in the city council elections.

In Petah Tikva, elections committee secretary Dan Ben-Canaan complained to the Broadcasting Authority and the Interior Ministry that Likud candidates for city council were shown on television on Monday together with Deputy Prime Minister David Levy, in violation of the law.

The Peace for Jerusalem list, running for the Jerusalem municipal elections and headed by Dr. Ya'acov Arnon, former director-general of the Finance Ministry, is holding a public meeting tonight at 8 p.m. at Beit Agron.

Arens: missiles don't increase threat

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A Syrian threat to Israel's northern border has existed for some years, and the new missiles supplied to Syria by the Soviets have not appreciably increased that threat, Defence Minister Moshe

Arens said during a tour of the Golan Heights yesterday.

On the other hand, Arens said, the Syrian army is constantly increasing its strength, with the aim of arriving at a strategic balance with Israel.

MARATHON TALKS

(Continued from Page One) the banks that it will purchase some of the shares itself or that it will inject enough cash into the economy to permit financial bodies to purchase shares.

One of the reasons for concern about a possible large number of shares being sold on Sunday is the liquidity problem being felt by companies, which hold bank shares.

Shinui leader Amnon Rubinstein yesterday wrote Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, asking him to submit the bank agreement to the Knesset.

"Future Knessets will be committed to colossal sums in the form of state guarantees by this agreement," Rubinstein wrote Shamir. "The Knesset needs to be notified by the government directly, and not in the newspapers, as to the precise burden that future taxpayers will have to bear."

Meanwhile, purchases and sales of Patam foreign-currency accounts cancelled each other out yesterday. Some persons continued to break their Patam accounts to buy dollars, but a few even began to sell their

banknotes back to the banks. Estimates of the amount of dollars, travellers cheques and Patam varied considerably yesterday, with one banker thinking it was about one-half to two-thirds of Monday's figure, which ranged from \$15 million to \$20m.

Explanations of this lull varied. One banker thought that the public had spent most of its available cash. Another thought that it was because Israel would soon have a new finance minister who would help to bring the situation under control. Still another said that some persons were saving their shekels to move into the stock market on Sunday.

In a closed meeting of the Knesset State Control Committee, representatives of the Bank of Israel astonished MKs when they announced that there had been much exaggeration in the reports of foreign-currency purchases by the public. It was learned after the meeting that the central bank had said the public had bought no more than \$1 million from Patam accounts, and that accounts held by foreigners were almost untouched.

COHEN-ORGAD

(Continued from Page One) tial and delayed compensation for the rampant rise in the cost of living, Feder said.

Dan Tichon (Likud-Liberals) said that Cohen-Orgad will have to grapple with one of the most serious situations the country has ever been in. He is no magician, and should not be expected to bring down inflation or to solve the problems of the capital market in three days, Tichon said.

Suggesting that the new minister be spared criticism during his first months in office, Tichon said it is of utmost importance that he make a package deal with the Histadrut. "Yeroham Meshel (the Histadrut secretary-general) should give him a hand, because the economy belongs to all of us."

Deputy Labour and Social Affairs Minister Benzion Rubin (Tami) said that the people are ready to reduce their standard of living, but only if they are presented with a clear programme of what the new finance minister intends to do.

This plan, which should be announced within the next few weeks, should not only call for belt-tightening, but should also explain the government's solution: belt-tightening by whom, to what extent, and for how long, Rubin said.

Amnon Rubinstein (Shinui) protested against the government's failure to inform the Knesset of the details of its agreement with the banks. An agreement imposing immense obligations on future governments and Knessets, one giving generous gifts to gigantic companies, had been signed "just like that," he said, "being kept a secret from the legislature, Rubinstein said.

He wished Cohen-Orgad well, but doubted whether he would succeed, if he continues to support the "massive injection of money" to the new settlements and a policy that does not reduce defence expenditure.

Yigael Hurvitz (Rafi), Aridor's predecessor as finance minister, said he would keep his fingers crossed, because "I know what a Turkish bath you're getting into and

what kind of allies you're likely to have."

Not all the government ministers are cynics, but for close to three years they supported economic policies which they knew to be wrong, simply because they were convenient, Hurvitz said.

The only hope, he thought, is that the Likud leadership's will to survive is now telling them that this is their last chance to regain the support of the public.

Rabbi Shlomo Lorincz (Agudat Yisrael), chairman of the Finance Committee, wound up the debate. He said the situation cannot continue in which the individual's standard of living is steadily rising while the economy is deteriorating.

The main condition for Cohen-Orgad's success, said Lorincz, is that the people understand that they cannot go on living in a fool's paradise.

Shouts from the Alignment: "It's you and Aridor who are responsible for creating that paradise!"

SENATE

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PLO and the hoped-for new independence which Hussein might now be able to demonstrate.

McFarlane and other senior U.S. officials have proposed that Defence Minister Moshe Arens come to Washington in the coming days for intensive strategic discussions on Israel's possible contributions in easing tensions in the region.

3 remanded, suspected of attacking Kollek

Three suspects, detained in connection with last Saturday's attack on Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek, have had their remand extended by seven days.

Shmuel Shnitzer, 24, Naftali Shupria, 22, and Shlomo Zipper, 35, are said to have abused the mayor, calling him a "Nazi," and calling for the "blatant act of his name."



Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir (left), Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad, the premier's spokesman Uri Porat and Knesset Speaker Menahem Savidor yesterday toast Cohen-Orgad's appointment. (Rahamim Israeli)

Cohen-Orgad will not make drastic personnel changes

By AVI TEMKIN

Post Economic Reporter

Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad does not plan to make extensive personnel changes at the Treasury, at least in the near future.

Treasury officials were busy yesterday trying to find out whether they will continue in their posts under Cohen-Orgad. At the end of the day, it appeared that with the exception of Director-General Ezra Sadan, no major changes are expected.

Cohen-Orgad has asked the ministry's budget department director Ya'acov Gadish to remain in his post. Some weeks ago, Gadish told Yoram Aridor, the former minister, that he was resigning. He said yesterday that he still intends to leave the Treasury in the near future.

Deputy-Finance Minister Haim Kaufman is also expected to remain in his post. Kaufman is apparently willing to stay, but wants the new minister to grant him authority and to define his future field of operations.

Sources close to Kaufman said yesterday that he has already met with Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir on the problem. Under Aridor, Kaufman was excluded from the inner team of aides who advised the minister, and did not take part in the daily decision-making process.

Cohen-Orgad is also expected to ask some of Aridor's former aides to stay on. Among those who apparently will remain is spokeswoman Dvora Ganani, appointed by Aridor after the doctor's strike, who had previously been Health Ministry spokeswoman.

MKs suggest smaller pay rise for selves

Post Knesset Correspondent

Tehiya MK Geula Cohen yesterday submitted a proposal in the Knesset House Committee on behalf of her faction to cut MKs' salaries by 6 per cent.

She did so because salaries of MKs (as well as ministers, judges and certain other comparable categories) are due to go up automatically this month by over 50

per cent in line with special legislation, which does not apply to other salaried employees.

Labour's Yossi Sarid on Monday aired a proposal for a salary cut, whereby MKs' salaries would only be increased after taking their other earnings into consideration.

MKs may not hold other salaried employment, but there are no restrictions on what they earn as self-employed.

Panel hears report on missing persons

Post Knesset Correspondent

The number of persons declared missing in Israel was 3,628 in 1982, the Knesset Interior Committee was told yesterday.

Nitzav Shlomo Gal, head of the police investigations department, reported that the 15-18 age group accounted for 900 of the total, and

that the large majority of these were girls.

Ariel Weinstein (Likud-Liberals), whose motion had been referred to the Interior Committee from the plenum, said more hostels are needed for runaway teenagers who cannot return home because of strained relations with their parents.

Knesset panel stalled on NII compensation

The Knesset Labour and Social Affairs Committee adjourned yesterday without having reached a decision on the compensation for recent price hikes to be paid to recipients of National Insurance Institute allowances.

NII director Danny Azriel presented the committee with an agreement that had been reached by the special ministerial committee. But the Finance Ministry

representative said that those were only the principles of an agreement, and that the details still had to be worked out in further meetings between the Treasury and the NII.

Committee chairman MK Menahem Porush stated that he was prepared to discuss one government proposal, but not to decide between two positions each brought in the government's name. Porush then adjourned the meeting.

ADVISER ON WOMEN

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During 26 years of private legal practice, Simha has also served in a voluntary capacity as legal counsel for WIZO. Until that organization's elections earlier this year, she was vice-chairman of its commission on the status of women. She is also a member of the international board of the Council of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists, and of the executive board of the International Alliance of Women, as well as its representative to UN agencies in Vienna.

Locally, Simha is the only woman member on the board of the Bar Association of Jerusalem whose cultural division she heads.

"I have had experience working with the laws as they apply to women," she said, "and I have also done a lot of research and writing on the subject of women's rights."

She added that one of her reports on violence against women has been used and quoted by the secretary-general of the UN.

Simha's efforts as adviser on the status of women will be directed at promoting and helping to implement laws improving the status of women in Israel, informing women of the existence of such laws and helping women to obtain top positions in industry and elsewhere.

"I am delighted with my new post and the fact that I will be working with someone who has the power of a minister behind her. I will, however, have my own office and

staff — and a free hand in working towards my goal of promoting the status of women," she concluded, adding, "I believe that my past experience in this area speaks for itself."

Pnina Herzog, president of the Israel Association of University Women and a member of the new women's forum established yesterday, said she sees Simha's appointment "in a cautiously optimistic light."

"The fact that there is now a woman minister — Doron — with an interest in promoting women's rights is good. There have often been attempts to get women together, and I believe that on a ministerial level, this new forum may succeed when too often before, it failed — provided, of course, that politics are left out of it," Herzog noted.

230 Danes arrive

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The 40th anniversary of the rescue of 7,000 Danish Jews by their fellow citizens in World War II will be commemorated today at Yad Vashem.

Participating in the ceremony will be 230 Danes who arrived here yesterday, among them Culture Minister Mimi Silling Jacobsen. She will inaugurate an exhibition depicting the rescue operation.

Three mayors accused of obstructing Falashas

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Absorption Ministry Director-General Eli Artzi charged yesterday that the mayors of Eilat, Tiberias and Upper Nazareth have refused to allow the connection of water to apartments prepared for Ethiopian immigrants because they do not want them in their towns.

At a news conference at Beit Agron in Jerusalem, Artzi said that the ministry would like to disperse the Falashas in small groups around the country, rather than concentrate them in the South and other areas. But a number of mayors, including Gad Katz of Eilat, Yigal Bibi of Tiberias and Menachem Ariav of Upper Nazareth "don't want them," and have cut off the water to apartments meant for them, Artzi said.

Bibi responded last night that his town does not have sufficient apartments available even for those immigrants currently in the local absorption centres. He noted that Tiberias has successfully absorbed large numbers of immigrants over the years "in an orderly manner," but also faces large social problems because of the large proportion of newcomers.

Bibi noted that no one from the Absorption Ministry had visited Tiberias to plan the absorption of the Jews from Ethiopia. Tiberias would be happy to go on absorbing all types of new immigrants provided the matter were properly organized, he said.

The other two mayors could not be reached for comment.

Referring to alyia in general, Artzi predicted that about 17,000 immigrants will arrive in 1983, an increase of several thousand over 1982. He also stuck by his prediction of 22-25,000 returning Israelis

this year, even though Agency officials and members of the Knesset Immigration Committee have said the figure is too high. It is still too early to assess the effect of the recent economic problems on immigration, but he did say that they could cause damage in the long term.

Asked about the difficulties of single immigrants, who constitute a large minority of western newcomers, in finding housing, Artzi said his ministry has so far failed to persuade the Housing Ministry to build more singles' hostels and studio apartments. But he did not accept "personal blame" for this failure. He said that 25 to 40 per cent of the single olim leave the country within a few years of arrival.

Asked about difficulties of immigrants married to Israelis citizens, Artzi said that the various authorities have not agreed to help them across the board, but "mixed couples" who really can't afford housing are directed to an appeals committee, where some of them are granted the housing privileges of an immigrant couple.

The ministry would not agree to cuts in its budget, Artzi said, because it has a "gentlemen's agreement" that its budget is set according to the number of immigrants arriving each year.

Artzi rejected reports that he had acted improperly recently by transferring \$13,000 to a Tami activist who heads a Zionist organization in France, adding that "he had nothing to fear" from any investigation by the state comptroller. Artzi maintained that the money was for activities encouraging local Jews to come to Israel. "I wish I could send him \$100,000 if that would increase the number of French immigrants."

Arafat still appears secure in Fatah central committee

By DAVID BERNSTEIN
Post Middle East Affairs Reporter and Agencies

The Fatah central committee meeting in Kuwait yesterday announced that it is seeking Arab-wide support to heal the rift within its ranks and to reconcile its differences with Syria.

There was no apparent indication in the statement issued at the end of the meeting of any waning in the committee's support for embattled PLO chairman Yasser Arafat. Several of Arafat's top aides — including Salah Khalaf (Abu Iyad) — attended the two-day gathering.

According to the statement, close telephone coordination was maintained with Arafat and his chief military commander, Khalil Wazir (Abu Jihad) in the north Lebanese port of Tripoli, last remaining stronghold in Lebanon of Fatah forces loyal to Arafat.

The statement appears to refute rumours of moves to replace Arafat as effective leader of Fatah, possibly by Farouk Kaddoumi, who was at the meeting.

Arafat's position as chairman of the PLO appeared to take a turn for the worse earlier this week when the two most significant groups in the PLO after Fatah, George Habash's

Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine and Nayef Hawatma's Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine, echoed the demands of the Fatah rebels for a more militant political line and "true collective leadership" of the organization.

But the two groups did not go so far as to abandon their support for Arafat as head of a united PLO, and their press conference in Damascus earlier this week was probably intended as a warning to Arafat not to renew his dialogue with Jordan. He had indicated he intended doing this in two newspaper interviews last week.

The dialogue with Jordan is anathema to Syria, and there would be no hope at all of resolving the split with the Syrian-backed Fatah dissidents or of mending fences with Damascus if Arafat persisted in such a course.

Air space complaint

Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEN-GURION AIRPORT. — Israel has complained to the U.S. that its military aircraft have been violating Israeli air space, and endangering aircraft.

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Kotlowitz hires lawyer in fight for aliya post

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Jewish Agency immigration department chairman Raphael Kotlowitz has hired lawyer Amnon Goldenberg to sue the Jewish Agency board of governors to prevent Kotlowitz's ouster from the department next week. The Jerusalem Post has learned.

The board of governors is due to vote by secret ballot on whether Kotlowitz may stay in office as

department chairman. Earlier this year, the American component of the board demanded that the Herut activist, who has held the chairmanship for six years, be ousted. They charged that Kotlowitz was "unable to relate to Diaspora communities."

But Agency Executive chairman Arye Dulsin has managed to keep Kotlowitz in office for another few months until the board meeting. Board chairman Jerrold Hoffberger remains strongly opposed to

Kotlowitz.

Goldenberg, a prominent jurist and former head of the Israel Bar Association, will try to persuade the district court that the agency board of governors has no right to vote to oust Kotlowitz. Ironically, Kotlowitz could remain chairman of the World Zionist Organization's immigration department — which deals with aliya from Western countries — even though he is in danger of losing his post as chairman of the agency department,

which deals with immigration from countries of oppression and with absorption centres in Israel.

Kotlowitz's aides refused to confirm or deny the chairman's hiring of Goldenberg. But assistant director-general Ilan Rubin said he had "no doubt" that Kotlowitz would remain chairman, and that the board of governors, after consultations, would not oust him.

Dulsin last week refused to say how he would vote in the secret ballot.

Likud weekly retracts slur, compensates lawyer

Jerusalem Post Reporter

MK Ronnie Milo, editor of the Likud weekly *Yoman Hashavua*, and one of the magazine's reporters, Nathan Ro'i, have published an apology and paid IS15,000 damages for an item published last year in which they accused Jerusalem advocate Arnold Spier of "aiding terrorists," it has been learned.

In an article by Ro'i headlined "The CIA as a Charity Organization," published in October last year, the magazine alleged that the Society of Friends (the Quakers) in East Jerusalem is actually a front for the American Central Intelligence Agency, and that its legal aid office helps alleged terrorists facing military courts and their families.

Spier, a well-known Jerusalem advocate, acts as a legal representative for the Quakers in Israel, but *Yoman Hashavua* wrote that he also aids the terrorists, and it even printed his (incorrect) address and telephone number.

After prolonged negotiations, Milo and Ro'i published a correction and an apology on the editorial page of the magazine in August this year admitting that the original item had no basis in fact. They later paid IS15,000 in an out of court settlement.

Meet to focus on desert development

By LIORA MORIEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA. — The sixth World Congress of Engineers and Architects will take place in Tel Aviv on December 18-23 and will focus on "Development of the Desert and Sparsely Populated Areas." Some 200 papers will be presented and participants are expected from 25 countries.

One of the major topics to be discussed, congress spokesman Stanley Kaplan said, is that of water management. He said that Israel, with its expertise in the field of saline water use and drip irrigation, could do more to alleviate the problems of the poorer, drought-plagued countries of the world, but for political reasons many countries have had to turn away from Israel. Now, however, with some African countries resuming relations, the situation may change.

Israel's advantages in this endeavour are that it has "the ability to work with local people, its overhead is low — a couple of moshavniks who are prepared to get their hands dirty — and it has the knowledge," Kaplan said.

Summing up the discussion, Namir said the controversy aroused by the exams had been justified.

4th Israeli Reform rabbi ordained in Jerusalem

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Moshe Yehudai, 43, of Ra'anana, yesterday became the fourth Israeli to be ordained as a Reform rabbi. Yehudai was ordained by Hebrew Union College President Alfred Gottschalk, at the college's Jerusalem campus. The ceremony was attended by members of the HUC Board of Governors and members of his family.

Mordechai Rotem, Gil Nativ and Ze'ev Harari were previously ordained as Reform rabbis at the HUC.

Yehudai, who for several years has served as spiritual leader of the Reform community in Kiryat Ono and Netanya, said that a rabbi in Israel must raise social issues before his congregants and point out all injustices. "From the attack on Jerusalem's Mayor Teddy Kollek by extremists last Shabbat, to the far-away Prisoner of Zion Yosef Begun's sentence, to wrongdoing on

the West Bank..." After thanking his close relatives, Yehudai proceeded to thank the head of the Pacificists' Union in Israel for "sharpening my moral senses."

Yehudai spent six years in a development town after refusing, "as a pacifist" to serve in the Israel Defence Forces.

Gottschalk, who placed his hands on Yehudai's shoulders as a symbol of ordination, outlined his biography: Yehudai was born in Jerusalem in 1940; attended the Rubin Academy of Music; refused to be drafted but offered to serve double time in a development town, an idea which the IDF finally accepted; graduated from Ben-Gurion University; went to Toronto to live but returned when the Yom Kippur War broke out; settled in Beersheba; received an MA from the Hebrew University; and started taking rabbinical courses at HUC.

Gottschalk described Yehudai as having grown up in a "humanistic, traditionally observant home. His



Dr. Alfred Gottschalk, president of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, ordains Moshe Yehudai of Ra'anana as a Reform rabbi yesterday.

mother came from a long line of rabbis in Russia. He moved from socialism and pacifism to pacifism and *halachically* based humanistic Judaism."

The ceremony was attended by some 200, including Esther Herlitz of the Labour Party and Nissim Eliad and Zalman Abramov of the Liberals.

Road fatalities up 15%

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Thirty-five people were killed in 31 fatal road accidents during September of this year. The number of injured was 1,639, 278 of them seriously.

The figures were released yesterday by the Central Bureau of Statistics, based on information received by the police.

According to the bureau, 315

people have been killed and 15,056 injured in 10,345 accidents in the first nine months of 1983, representing a 15 per cent increase in killed and a 9 per cent increase in injured over the first nine months of 1982.

The figures for Judea, Samaria and Gaza in September were 14 killed and 140 injured in 93 accidents. (Ium)

Matriculation exams get poor grades

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Last year's matriculation exams in literature and mathematics received poor grades yesterday at a meeting of the Knesset Education Committee.

Zvi Tzameret, who was appointed by the Education Ministry to review the literature examination after it sparked public controversy last summer, told the committee that there had been a good deal of negligence in the preparation of the test questionnaires. He said that the committee that prepared the test did not function properly and that members of the committee did not see the final version of the test.

Tzameret said that the subject supervisor at the ministry who was responsible for preparing the test questions had received instructions to reduce their number and variety, but he overdid it, creating a situa-

tion in which students were left with too little choice.

Tzameret, a former principal of the Kiryat Shmona high school, also stated that the test grades in some schools were not reliable, but refused to elaborate. MK Ora Namir, chairman of the Education Committee, explained that teachers helped their pupils during the test.

The mathematics exam came in for criticism from Carmi Yogeve, who was appointed by the ministry to review that test after it, too, aroused controversy. Yogeve, principal of Gymnasias Herzliya, said the questions last year were too difficult. That was reflected, he said, in the high failure rate, 23 per cent, and the low average score on the exam, 67. Easier questions should be prepared for pupils whose main subject is not mathematics, he advised.

Summing up the discussion, Namir said the controversy aroused by the exams had been justified.

UK donors visit Ashkelon renewal project

ASHKELON. — One hundred British supporters of the nation's largest Project Renewal programme visited here yesterday and indicated satisfaction with its progress.

Because Ashkelon encompasses the largest single renewal project, it had been adopted by the United Kingdom, rather than by any one city. The Ashkelon project affects 40,000 residents.

Doreen Gainsford, head of the Joint Israel Appeal here, said that

nearly 25 volunteers who had come from Britain to work in Ashkelon for a year have remained in Israel.

Correction
An item newsagency story that appeared in *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday reported that a murder over family honour had taken place in Bet Sahur outside Bethlehem. In fact, *The Post* has clarified, the murder took place in a Beduin encampment about 20 kilometres from Bet Sahur.



Visiting American film star Shirley MacLaine is shown around the Knesset yesterday by MK Ehud Olmert. (Rahumim Israeli)

High Court order delays Bat Yam rabbinical poll

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The High Court of Justice issued an order this week delaying the election of a chief rabbi of Bat Yam, following the exclusion of city council member Erna Schwerberg (Shinui) from the committee in charge of appointing a chief rabbi.

The order directs Interior Minister Yosef Burg and Bat Yam Mayor Menahem Rothschild to show cause within 30 days why Schwerberg should not be included in the committee, which includes other city council members and various public figures.

Shinui leaders maintain that Schwerberg's name was struck from the committee's membership list because she is a woman, after religious elements put pressure on the municipality.

Schwerberg petitioned the High Court of Justice, through attorney Mordechai Gluska, and the court ruled that the election for Bat Yam chief rabbi be postponed until it makes a final decision concerning Schwerberg's participation in the

committee.

Shinui leader and candidate for Tel Aviv mayor Mordechai Virshubski yesterday petitioned the High Court of Justice to reverse a police decision not to permit two protest events planned in Tel Aviv and Petah Tikva this Friday evening.

Virshubski said that the concert planned in Tel Aviv and a movie slated for Petah Tikva were forbidden by the police for fear of violence on the part of ultra-Orthodox groups in both towns.

"It is intolerable that the police should give in to religious groups' pressures and threats of violence, instead of protecting citizens who want to hold perfectly legal protest meetings," said Virshubski.

Tel Aviv police commander Nit-zav Avraham Turgeman explained that he refused to permit the concert planned outside the Mann Auditorium because it may lead to disturbances by religious groups. The Petah Tikva police refused to allow the movie on grounds that religious groups may be angered and disturb the peace.

'Big Brothers' mark decade of service

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The Big Brother League of Haifa and its friends organization are tonight celebrating the league's 10th anniversary.

Conrad Nathan, director of the Jewish Big Brother and Big Sister leagues of Baltimore, who was instrumental in founding the Haifa league, will be the guest of honour at tonight's meeting.

The league provides "fatherless" boys aged eight to 13 with "big brothers," who accompany their development until they reach conscription age. The "big brothers" serve as father figures needed by the

boys for normal development.

The decade of experience in Haifa "has proved the scheme to be very beneficial. We know we have saved some boys who might have become delinquents and helped others to grow up normally despite hereavement or coming from homes in which the father does not function or has walked out," league president Alex Mendelson and Helen Golan, head of its friends organization, said.

The league needs more funds and especially more volunteers. They can be contacted Monday and Thursday afternoons from 4 to 6 at Rehov Ahad Ha'am, phone 665644.

Why Captain Schneeberger's boyhood dream could never be fulfilled



When Captain Schneeberger looked longingly at the cockpit of the DC-3, he was a bright boy of 10. That was in 1950.

When Captain Schneeberger climbs into his cockpit today, it's the cockpit of a DC-9-81. And the DC-3 has long since travelled to a museum.

However, that's the way it is: aircraft themselves are certainly fast, but so is the speed at which they develop. And Swissair isn't entirely uninvolved in their development, either.

For example, the B-747-357, this largest of all Jumbos is the result of a long list of special requests by Swissair and was built in close co-operation with Boeing. It was designed entirely in accordance with Swissair's principle of offering passengers a maximum amount of space and not carrying a maximum number of passengers. And that applies not only in the First Class

but also in the Swiss Class, where there are 9 seats per row instead of the usual 10.

Or the DC-10-30: we were the first airline in the world to have it converted into the ER (extended range) version with extra tanks. This enables us, for example, to fly non-stop between Switzerland and Bombay or Colombo or Rio de Janeiro. And we've fitted its First Class compartment — like that of the B-747 — with Slumberettes, seats which are adjustable at the push of a button and on which you can stretch out full length.

Or the DC-9-81: thanks to several special requests by Swissair, this has become one of the most comfortable of all short-haul aircraft. We have five instead of six seats per row, the air-conditioning, insulation and pressure equalization are even more effective, and elegant

leather seats give the First Class an even greater degree of comfort.

Or the A310 Airbus: it offers wide-body comfort on short- and medium-haul routes and has the most functional cockpit a pilot can find in a passenger aircraft. And even those who don't fly in it can benefit from its advanced technology: the Swissair A310 Airbus is even quieter than is required by the most stringent noise regulations.

Or the A310-320 we've ordered: this advanced version of today's Airbus has a much bigger tank capacity which will make it into a standard medium-haul aircraft with increased range.

And the progress is continuing: we're already co-operating with the manufacturers on plans for even more efficient, more comfortable

and environmentally more beneficial aircraft which are due to start entering service at the end of the eighties.

But one thing still remains the same today as it was 33 years ago: the way the boys gaze after our aircraft as they take off from Zurich or Geneva for one of the 99 destinations dotted around the world, and the dreams which they dream as they do so.

And which — as far as the aircraft are concerned — will no doubt have to remain dreams for ever.

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Austria appeals for N-weapons agreement

VIENNA (AP). — Neutral Austria, citing Europe's "ever-growing fear" of nuclear war, yesterday appealed to the superpowers to reach rough agreement on medium-range missiles now and work out details later.

A government communique suggested a precedent had been set in negotiations leading up to the signing in 1979 of the Second Strategic Arms Limitation Agreement, or SALT II, on limiting U.S. and Soviet long-range missiles.

Austria, it said, appeals to Moscow and Washington to "use the time remaining to reach a political agreement on the basic elements of an accord on intermediate-range weapons."

NATO plans to begin stationing 572 Pershing 2 and cruise missiles in

five West European countries by December.

Meanwhile, Soviet-bloc premiers yesterday opened a three-day economic summit in Berlin with new attacks on NATO's missile deployment plan and western economic sanctions against Eastern Europe.

The attack came in a report read to a meeting of the "Council for Mutual Economic Assistance," attended by Soviet Premier Nikolai Tikhonov, Polish Premier Wojciech Jaruzelski and eight other government leaders of the COMECON countries.

The report slammed what it called a U.S.-led "trade, credit and economic blockade" against the Soviet bloc.

Walesa accompanies priest during official questioning

WARSAW (AP). — Nobel laureate Lech Walesa yesterday accompanied his confessor and adviser, the Rev. Henryk Jankowski, to the Gdansk government prosecutor's office, where the priest was questioned about alleged abuse of religious freedom.

Jankowski has served as Walesa's adviser and confessor since before the birth of the now-outlawed Solidarity labour movement during shipyard strikes in August 1980.

The priest told western reporters waiting outside that he had refused to answer the prosecutor's questions and rejected all accusations against him.

Walesa, who won the Nobel Peace Prize on October 5, is not involved in the investigation, but accompanied Jankowski in a show of support.

About 300 well-wishers were present when the pair entered the prosecutor's office at 9 a.m.

Soviets held by Afghans ask for asylum

LONDON (AP). — At least 50 Soviet soldiers held prisoner by Muslim insurgents in Afghanistan have asked for asylum in the West, the Daily Telegraph reported yesterday.

But the newspaper said that leading NATO countries, including Britain, have refused to say whether they will grant the requests.

The newspaper said that with the exception of one or two countries in the 16-nation alliance, "with whom discussions are continuing, western nations have refused to undertake publicly to accept Soviet soldiers despite lobbying by emigre pressure groups."

"Sceptical emigre organizations

say problems over the prisoners boil down to unwillingness to ruffle the feathers of diplomatic etiquette," the newspaper said.

The newspaper, quoting western-based anti-Soviet emigres, said over 200 Soviet prisoners are believed held by the Muslim guerrillas fighting to topple the Soviet-backed government and oust Soviet forces from the country.

It quoted their captors as saying many face the prospect of execution because of the difficulties of holding them in guerrilla warfare conditions. It said the Soviets have refused to agree on an exchange of prisoners.

Major counter-insurgency opera-

tions involving Soviet troops and warplanes are under way in at least seven provinces in Afghanistan, with the worst fighting raging just north of Kabul, western diplomatic sources in Pakistan said yesterday.

A key target has been the town of Istalef, reportedly 40 per cent destroyed after five days of continuous bombing, according to a report from Kabul.

The diplomatic sources said Istalef, a major guerrilla stronghold that is also renowned for its pottery, is undergoing some of the most savage bombing seen in Afghanistan since Soviet troops entered the country in late 1979.

Geneticist claims vaccine breakthrough

NEW YORK (AP). — Vaccines against herpes, hepatitis and influenza have been made by modifying smallpox vaccine with a technique that could theoretically be used to make vaccines for any infectious disease, researchers said in a report released yesterday.

It even appears possible to make a single vaccine to protect against as many as 12 diseases, said Enzo Paoletti, the developer of the new technique.

The technique, he said, "has potential for both bacterial as well as viral disease and perhaps parasitic disease, which is an extreme problem on the global level."

While vaccines for hepatitis and influenza already exist, the new technique may lead to cheaper, safer and easier-to-use vaccines,

said Paoletti, who is a virologist at the Centre for Laboratories and Research of the New York State Health Department in Albany.

Paoletti said it would be at least two years before the vaccines are ready for human trials.

A report on the research will appear in the proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences in December.

Smallpox vaccine is made from cowpox virus, or vaccinia virus, which is similar enough to smallpox to provoke the body to build up its defences against smallpox, and thus prevent subsequent disease.

Paoletti has used genetic engineering techniques to insert genes from various infectious agents into vaccinia virus, creating viruses

that provoke immunity to those other infectious agents.

The new technique produces vaccines which require no refrigeration — making them suitable for use in remote areas. It also makes the vaccines easy to administer since they require only a small skin scratch, not a deep injection, said Joseph Esposito, a virologist at the Centre for Disease Control in Atlanta, Georgia, who is familiar with Paoletti's work.

Another advantage, Esposito said, is that vaccinia virus stimulates both of the two main components of the body's immune system — antibodies and white blood cells.

Esposito said the scheme would also be useful for making special vaccines against local outbreaks of rare viruses.

Pigs accept researcher 'as one of them'

EAST BERLIN (AP). — An East German scientist who spent years living among wild pigs and was "accepted as one of them" has discovered that the animals are selective eaters, according to the official ADN news agency.

Heinz Meynhardt, in a study for the Gross Luesewitz Institute for Pig Research, found that the pigs had definite favourites among 21 varieties of potatoes offered them, the agency said.

It said the research has helped farmers protect their crops by planting, in areas endangered by the

pigs, potatoes low on the pigs' preference list.

Meynhardt, who has spent 11 years studying pigs and biocommunication also mastered the "language" of his subjects, according to the agency. ADN said he learned that pigs recognize their relatives by the pitch of their snorts and oinks.

"Through daily contact with and feeding of the animals, he was accepted as one of them," ADN said. It said that "genuine social contact" was established.

Philippines in crisis, Marcos admits

MANILA (AP). — Acknowledging that the Philippines is in "the throes of a crisis," President Ferdinand Marcos asked his national assembly yesterday to pass election reforms to help the country "heal and strengthen itself."

Marcos, in remarks prepared for the opening of a special assembly session and read out on his behalf, blamed the August 21 assassination of rival Benigno Aquino and international economic difficulties for the crisis.

"We will not allow the clamour of voices in our midst today to deter us from the course that the nation must follow to heal and strengthen itself," Marcos's text said. Even as the session began in a modern hall on Manila's outskirts, lawmakers expected Marcos to deliver his address, but he did not arrive.

N. Korea blames S. Korea for bombing

TOKYO (AP). — North Korea claimed yesterday that South Korean President Chun Doo Hwan was behind the October 9 explosion in Burma that killed 21 people, including four ministers of the South Korean cabinet.

UK plans lie-detector tests to catch spies

LONDON (AP). — Britain's security agencies plan to introduce U.S.-style lie-detector tests in a pilot scheme to weed out Soviet bloc agents in sensitive departments after a string of embarrassing spy scandals, government officials say.

The British still harbour doubts about the polygraph's accuracy, but Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's government does not want to antagonize U.S. intelligence chiefs who have long suspected the Soviets have deeply penetrated the British security establishment, the officials said.

Britain's eight civil service unions, representing 520,000 white-

collar government employees, Monday launched a campaign to block the use of the polygraph.

They charged that the lie detectors, which monitor physiological signs of stress such as heartbeat rates, would signal a "Big Brother" operation that would eventually spread to all government departments.

The unions claimed in a pamphlet titled "The Case Against the Polygraph" that lie detectors are easy to beat and "could become the spy's ticket to a civil service career."

A team of senior British security officers has just returned from the U.S., where they trained in

polygraph techniques under experts from the Central Intelligence Agency and Federal Bureau of Investigation, said officials who asked not to be identified.

The security officers were sent to America at the urging of U.S. intelligence agencies alarmed at the failure of British "positive vetting" in spotting Soviet agents like Geoffrey Prime.

The former Royal Air Force officer operated undetected as a Kremlin spy for 14 years, including several years at the top secret Government Communications Headquarters (GCHQ) at Cheltenham in southwest England.

Killer malaria makes world-wide comeback

OTTAWA (Reuters). — Experts believe up to 800 million people may now have malaria, a deadly threat to poor and hungry children in the Third World.

International aid researchers estimate that up to five million people, mainly children, die from malaria every year. They concede that optimistic forecasts made in the 1950s that the disease would be eradicated are meaningless today.

"Malaria is increasing rapidly. We are not winning. The mosquito is way ahead of us," says Alan Meltzer, a tropical disease expert at Canada's International Develop-

ment Research Centre, which coordinates and finances Third World projects.

Mosquitoes reproduce very quickly — five generations in 10 weeks — and insecticides have failed to wipe them out.

"Mosquitoes have become resistant to DDT in one third of all the spraying programmes being conducted round the world," Meltzer says.

While insecticides have not controlled the mosquito population, drugs like chloroquin have not succeeded in eliminating the parasite in people who have been infected.

"There may be up to 800 million cases, and the disease is endemic in 107 countries. Malaria is a major killer worldwide and five million people die of it each year," he says.

In 1955, the World Health Organization thought malaria could be wiped out like smallpox, he says. "We have now lowered our sights considerably."

Much ground has been lost to the disease in the last 30 years, and a great deal of time, money and international cooperation will be needed to gain the upper hand.

But cash is proving a big stumbling block. "Funds are not available at the WHO level or locally from ministries in poor, developing countries," Meltzer says.

"For about 30 to 85 cents a year, you could give people tablets once a week to help prevent it. But governments cannot afford this kind of money just on malaria."

Italian police free kidnapped boy

NUORO, Sardinia (AP). — Police have freed a 17-year-old mentally retarded boy abducted near here last week and have killed one of his suspected kidnappers, officials said yesterday.

But police reported no headway in their search for 17-month-old Elena Luisi, kidnapped from her grandfather's home in Tuscany on Monday by a gang demanding a \$3.2 million ransom.

The family, which lives outside of Lucca, west of Florence, appealed to the gang through the news media for word on the tot.

In Sardinia, police on Saturday night freed Paolo Mulas from a cave in the rough countryside outside Nuoro. The boy, grabbed from his home last Wednesday night, was found lying on a foam rubber mattress, with his hands and feet chained. He was left unguarded by the gang.

Police kept his rescue secret while staking out the cave, and on Monday night, agents spotted two men entering. Police said they told the two to halt but the officers opened fire when the two reportedly went for their guns.

One man was shot dead and the other was arrested.



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Context

OVER THE cackles and crackles of the beat-out Motorola set the message is clear: "Patrol-car No. 628 to commotion at the B'nai Zion School in the B'nai Zion Quarter. Urgent." So it's No. 628 to the rescue, with Sergeant Marco at the wheel assisted by Shmuel, wearing a knitted *kippa* as radio operator.

Shmuel came by his *kippa* the hard way. Of Italian-American stock, he was converted to Judaism by a Conservative rabbi and when that proved unacceptable the process was repeated by a rabbi of the Habad variety. And when, after immigrating to Israel, that proved unacceptable to the local authorities, he took it once more from the top, with a local rabbi of the Orthodox persuasion.

If to be a Jew is difficult, it seems that becoming a Jew is even more problematic.

On arrival, we hear shouting and screaming coming from the closed school windows behind which a political meeting of the Agudat Israel is in progress. Ultra-Orthodox men in their black garb are seen running in and out of the building. It is like a disturbed beehive. Supporters are hurrying towards the centre of the commotion, beards, peyot and kaftans flapping in the autumn wind. Cars are bringing up the reserves, struggling to get through the school door.

Sergeant Marco tries to establish who it is who has called us. No one

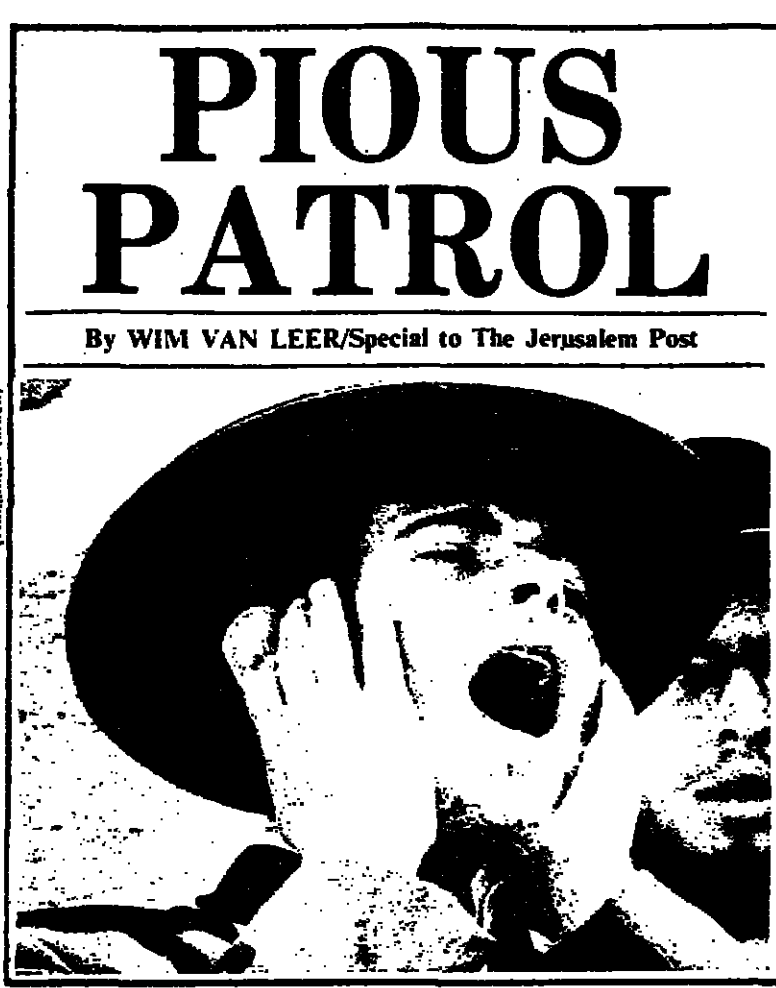
comes forward for, in ultra-Orthodox circles "to call the cops" is considered an act of blasphemy. But according to standing orders, police are restrained from mixing in when political controversy is the cause of commotion. Only when life or property is threatened or official complaints are lodged does the Law make a move. For that reason we don't enter the fray, watching from the periphery.

THE NEWS of our arrival sends shock-waves through the agitated mass of men as I struggle my way into the hall — an act which, despite my outlandish attire, goes unnoticed in the heat generated by political debate. The meeting is chaired by Menachem Porush MK, immaculate in his sombre uniform of piety which sets off his rich snow-white beard. He is being vehemently attacked by the adherents of the Union of Sephardi Guardians of the Torah, who dominate the audience.

Porush's efforts to sound off like an Old Testament prophet, so effective in the mainly secular Knesset, does not cut much ice amongst the outraged Sephardim.

At the committee table, I can spot quite a few beefy supporters present by dint of their brawn and in expectation of trouble. And trouble there is. Porush pulls out all the populist rhetorical stops in turn.

Now he aggressively waves a warning finger at his hostile audience, his



By WIM VAN LEER/Special to The Jerusalem Post

Signs of devotion

By PIERRETTE POSMOWSKI / Special to The Jerusalem Post

however, many of them experienced a sense of deprivation, so when the idea of holding services on a regular basis was suggested it was adopted with enthusiasm.

"We formed a steering committee to organize operations," said Klugman, "and contacted various synagogues in the area — Orthodox, Conservative and Reform. Only Reform showed any interest."

"At that time the director of the Pacific South West Council of the UAHC — the Union of American Hebrew Congregations — was Rabbi Solomon Kleinman, after whom our temple is named. He asked us over and over again: 'Are you really sure you want to go through with the idea?' But we persisted and on

voice filled with threatening innuendo. Now he throws up his arms in imploring despair, as if calling down the wrath of the Almighty on his by now wild-eyed detractors.

Then again he softens his voice to a whisper as if sharing a secret in the hope of reducing the decibel level of the "debate." Then he asks a rhetorical question with an air of amused speculation and goes on to answer the question to loud cries of derision.

At one moment, a 20-year-old, his *peyot* draped behind his ears, comes forward, faces Porush and begins to scream into his face. It looks as if we are all on the way to a punch-up. I retreat to the yard to inform my colleagues. Marco now contacts HQ for instructions and sends Shmuel into the hall.

Whereas my secular presence has been either ignored or merely tolerated, the sight of a policeman with a *kippa* sets up patterns of resentment and hostility, especially among the Ashkenazi contingent. Shmuel beats a hasty retreat. Marco, meanwhile, has been instructed not to enter the school.

"If they want to break each other's heads, let them," he says. Shmuel has become sullen, especially at the taunts of "Nazi" directed at him.

I return to the fray to find participants willing to illuminate me and learn that Porush's detractors — the Union of Sephardi Guardians of the

Tora — are continuing the work started by Aharon Abuhatzzeira, MK. Their manifesto is a four-page exercise in character assassination in the style of the Dutch 16th-century Puritans in their fight against "The Whore of Rome."

WE ARE TOLD that "Menachem Porush is trying to destroy God-fearing Sephardi scholars who are creating a renaissance of their religious culture... exploiting their gentle innocence and, by devious means, leading them like sheep to the slaughter."

In a 10-point resume, they set out the abominations perpetrated by Porush against Sephardim, the Tora, the poor, the hassidic rabbis, the purity of Israel's Sephardi daughters, etc., etc.

Be all that as it may, like the scorpion, the sting is in the manifesto's tail. Here more precise accusations are made about money allocated to Tora institutions, which was, allegedly, put to more private use. Then, too, it was alleged that a \$550 million allocation for Tora study by the Jerusalem Municipality on the basis of a total number of scholars was funnelled to Ashkenazi institutions and control, even through Sephardim constituted the bulk of the students.

All this malfeasance is described in the most elegant language. Thus the manifesto, from which one can deduce the vast sums of money with

which the political adherence of the Orthodox has been purchased.

Despite our instruction to leave the scene, Marco wisely decides that our proximity has a restraining effect. So we just sit tight with the protagonists milling around and debating the merits of their case over the roof of our car.

Shmuel has retreated into morose taciturnity. I dare say that the ugly scene deeply affects the devout, making them ashamed of what they hold most dear.

Finally, Porush, surrounded by his beefy stalwarts, emerges from the hall to the loud booing of the Sephardim and is conducted to his car standing next to ours.

In the school yard, the debate continues, the heads being cooled down by the night air. Kerchiefed women now have entered the yard to take husbands home. By 9.45, a jeep of the Border Police enters the yard and undertakes to keep an eye on things as we return to our stable.

End of shift. Shmuel, still in shock, doesn't bother to respond to my "Goodnight and thanks."

Above the onion towers of the Russian Cathedral, the starlit firmament stretches far and wide. And I wonder what the Old Gentleman beyond is thinking of His children who, at set hours of the day, at set days in the week and the year so loudly sing His praises, while in between peck each other with stones, curses and calumny.

MEMBERS OF Jerusalem's Har El Reform congregation couldn't believe their eyes when they arrived at the synagogue for the Succot eve service. Two rabbis instead of one were leading the prayers, and the second, a slight young man, apparently in his early thirties, was making strange gestures with his arms, hands and fingers — gestures that a group of visitors sitting up front seemed to be following with intense concentration.

It didn't take long to realize that these gestures were in fact sign language, and the visitors a group of deaf people. Led by their rabbi, Alan Henkin, most of them were members of a Los Angeles congregation, Temple Beth Solomon of the Deaf, who had just arrived in Israel for a two-week visit.

Temple Beth Solomon is not the only deaf congregation in the United States — there are at least three others, in New York, Chicago and Florida.

But it is the only one, says Alvin A. Klugman, president of the con-

gregation, that has its own building — or, to be more precise, two buildings, one housing the sanctuary and classrooms, the other the social hall.

A printer by profession, Klugman, who has served for 23 years on the temple's board, last year completed a two-year term as president of the U.S. National Congress of the Jewish Deaf. Speaking through a sign language interpreter I asked him how the idea of a deaf congregation originated.

In the Fifties, he said, a group of some 20 deaf people in the Los Angeles area got together to form the West Side Community Centre, meeting one evening a week for discussions, social gatherings and so on.

Initially, there were no religious services. Though most of the members came from families with a strong Jewish background they had not received much Jewish education, because parents of handicapped children often feel this is not very important. On growing up,

Money troubles

LISTENING IN...Ze'ev Schul

trap firmly shut just now. But the bank chiefs have evidently decided that the show must go on and that we'll all be kissing and making up soon, with everything forgiven and forgotten — except our overdrafts, that is.

Listening in, I came to a different conclusion. There are, we heard, new trends in the making. "Home banking," for example. Safe

even went through the contents of our deep-freeze. It appears that some women keep their valuables inside frozen chickens. What an ingenious idea was that they left the freezer door open. They also came equipped with a crowbar and uprooted our floor safe, which was embedded in concrete behind the bathroom door.

Let me put in a good word (yet again) for two programmes I consider among the best. One is a Hebrew version of the BBC's *Anything Goes*, bringing us old and new recordings with the accent on the unusual or quaint. This week (Shabbat morning, First Programme) included a rare 1934 recording by Joseph Spindel of the poet

Rachel's *Ulat* (Perhaps), more popularly known as *Kinneret Sheli* (My Kinneret). Among other radiophonic gems, we also got the voice of Amalia Erhard, the pioneer who attempted a round-the-world flight in 1937.

The other programme, on Friday night at five past six, was Arye Gelblum voicing his beefs. If Mr. Gelblum ever decides on a full-time political career, I'll ask him to take me on as his Man Friday. It wasn't just what he said, it was the way he said it.

The week's prime gaffe — "The public? Who are they?" — came from none other than my old (favourite, Aguda MK Avraham Shapira. To his credit, Reb

Avraham tried to recoup, implying that he had not meant to belittle the public. Nevertheless, it all remained hanging in mid-air, almost as if he'd said *oilem, golem* (the world is a bunch of fools).

BACK TO the banks. What's the epitome of *chutzpa*? The bank's willingness (according to yesterday morning's seven o'clock newscast) to grant us loans at up to 85 per cent of the face value in dollars of those bank shares they so eagerly sold us.

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Noteworthy life

Alexander Zvieli remembers Margarete Katzke on the 'shloshim' of her death

tions of the Prussian Ministry of Education and Culture, which had determined that all words spelt with a *th* should drop the *h*. Apparently, she had been programmed to watch for spelling mistakes from a tender age.

In 1906 she enrolled at the best high school in Berlin, the Victoria Schule. The teachers there were all spinsters, for married women were not permitted to teach.

Margarete Katzke was a bright pupil, and her excellent English testifies to the teaching at the Victoria Schule. However, larger historical happenings decided her future.

HER PARENTS' haberdashery prospered when Kaiser Wilhelm died in 1888. German women, for a short while, were in urgent need of black hats, but the haberdashery declined thereafter. Margarete couldn't continue her studies at the Victoria. Instead, she attended a one-year clerical course, and started working for a living.

Life was not easy for a single woman in pre-war Germany. Margarete Katzke had an unhappy love-affair, her fiancé died, reportedly from an overdose of drugs, and she never married. She supported her father after her mother died, and went through many jobs, mostly in banks and financial institutions, till Hitler came to power. Then she didn't have work, or any means of support,

Nazis. She and her 800 fellow-passengers arrived in Mandatory Palestine after a harrowing journey aboard the s.s. Hilda. The ship was intercepted by the British in the Mediterranean, and its passengers were interned at Atlit.

Katzke was an "illegal" immigrant, but she was released because she was over forty, given a few Palestine pounds by the Jewish Agency, and began a new life. She arrived eventually in Jerusalem where she first found work as a maid. Her employer, a well-known Jerusalem physician, soon realized that she was a talented and well-educated person with many con-

cealed qualities.

MARGARETE KATZKE had an unusual ability to catch the mistakes in even the most complicated scientific papers. Her employer, whom she helped with his medical publications, recommended her to Gershon Agron, the founder and editor of *The Palestine Post*. During their first interview, Agron asked Katzke to read *The Palestine Post* for two weeks, and to indicate all the mistakes, in red ink. She did so, and was taken on a month later.

She retired from her job as head of the *Post's* proofreading department in 1960 after 20 years. Life

began for her at sixty, she claimed. "I have always worked for others," she told me many years later. "And by working I meant working and not just passing the time. I had never had a full day for myself."

Following her retirement, Margarete Katzke travelled extensively, in Scandinavia and Russia, the Far East and Egypt. She enjoyed her hard-won freedom. She lived alone in a comfortable flat in Rehavia among her books and her mementoes of the past. She would still, occasionally, proofread a scientific book or paper. "Once a proofreader, always a proofreader," she would say.

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Expert: dollarization scheme has its points

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The "dollarization" plan of former finance minister Yoram Aridor — although politically highly inexpedient — had some positive aspects, according to Manfred Gerstenfeld, head of Euroteam.

"There was an urgent need to put the Israeli economy into some kind of a straightjacket, and dollarization would have provided one," he said, adding "I wouldn't be surprised if the plan, in another and more attractive form, returns; its benefits outweigh its patriotic rejection."

Dollarization would have helped eliminate a number of inefficiencies which have developed in sectors of the Israeli economy as a result of high inflation. Probably the sector which should have heaved the greatest sigh of relief when the plan was jettisoned was the banking sector — one which increased its relative weight in labour power during the last decade.

"In 1973, only 1.5 per cent of the country's total manpower was employed in the banking sector; yet by last year it had grown to about 2.5 per cent, despite the impressive automation introduced by the banks," Gerstenfeld said.

A goodly portion of the additional workers are occupied with serving customers seeking defence mechanisms against inflation. In a low-inflation economy, little harm is done if customers leave their money in chequing accounts for a week or so. Abroad, anyone with a surplus of \$1,000 would not think of putting it out on short-term interest, and no bank would take such a small amount. But in Israel, certificates of deposit (Tafsim) have become a significant financial instrument for

small sums; abroad, they exist only for major clients.

The main result of dollarization, then, would have been a drastic drop in the number of transactions handled by the banks.

Another key feature of inflation is the rapid relative distortion of prices over short periods. This provides an incentive for the public to move large amounts of money from one investment instrument to another much more often than abroad. It helps explain the stock market crash earlier this year, and also the recent bank share disaster. Gerstenfeld notes.

"In a dollarized economy people would not switch that easily from one investment to another because the expected gains would not justify it. On the other hand, the banks would have suffered, since their interest margins would have declined. Normally, when interest rates fall, the margin between interest on loans given and taken narrows," he says.

Another sector of the economy which would have become more efficient is that of taxation. As taxation represents such a large share of the GNP, there is a lot of "superfluous" need among the public for auditors, tax consultants, etc., due to inflation. Moreover, the government needs a large staff to rake in inflationary shekels as fast as possible, since the earlier they are in the national coffers, the less their effect on the outside.

All in all, dollarization might have increased efficiency in the economy by some 4 to 5 per cent after a year or so. And once the economy had readjusted to the new rules of the game, the surplus labour shed by the financial sector would have had to find alternative places of employment.

Psychological factors will affect market

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Psychology, not financial judgement, will be the determining factor in how the stock market reacts when it reopens this Sunday, according to Professor Michael Harrison, head of the sociology and anthropology department at Bar-Ilan University. He has made a thorough study of the behaviour of people (or crowds) in stress situations.

Two definite psychological trends might develop, he says, one based on fairly logical and analytical thinking and the other based on "gut" reactions.

"Nobody can tell in advance just what will happen," Harrison says. "For if those with analytical minds dominate the market, one trend will develop; but if those suffering from 'extreme agitation' dominate the field, then an entirely different trend can develop."

To further complicate the situation, a "calming" statement by the country's leadership can have the opposite of its intended effect. It can generate more agitation rather than less.

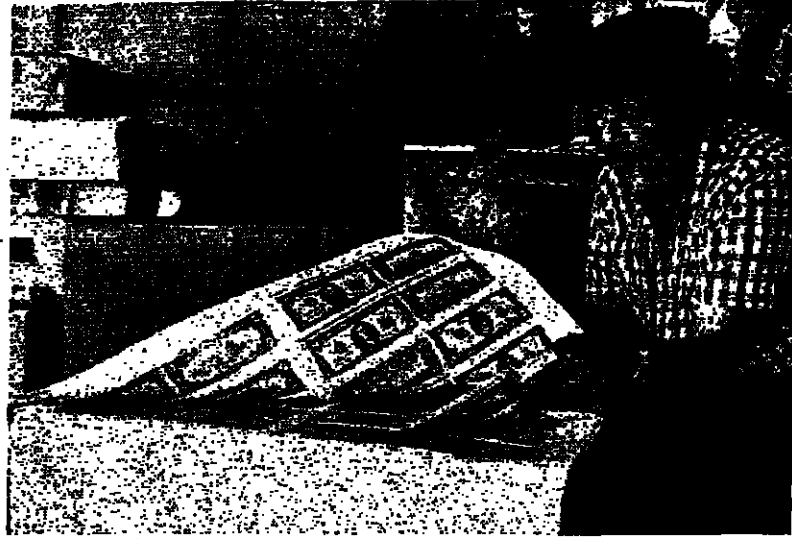
This is true since in the past year or so, Israelis have been misled by their leaders, he notes. "All too many Israelis have lost faith in government spokesmen, who they have learned represent the government in a favourable light, while hiding the real facts."

Two examples: The people were told that former prime minister Menachem Begin was in good health — until the very last moment.

Secondly, they were told that the IDF would penetrate only 40 kilometres into Lebanon, but went much further. "The government denied doing things it was doing — and then the truth came out."

When trading resumes on Sunday, and those suffering from "extreme agitation" see those acting fairly analytically selling stocks — some of them at a lower price to cover their obligations falling due — will dump their own stocks at any price. This could fan a growing panic reaction and more and more persons might start selling blindly, until the shares fall far below any reasonable price.

CENTRE. — French President Francois Mitterrand yesterday inaugurated a university centre dedicated to the late Jewish prime minister Pierre Mendes-France. Seven cabinet ministers, as well as the late premier's widow, attended the ceremony.



Author Dahn Ben-Amotz checks his home-made dollars hot off the press. "If the government can print shekels that have no backing, I can print dollars that have none," said the author-artist. Packets of \$2,530 by Ben-Amotz, costing IS150, will be available at shops and kiosks starting today. (Israel Sun)

Association set up to fight bad public administration

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Public administration in Israel is getting worse, not better, according to a group of lawyers, former public managers, professors and other concerned citizens who have formed the Association for the Advancement of Sound Public Administration to try to improve the situation.

At a press conference here yesterday, former Bank of Israel governor Moshe Zarnar, chairman of the new association, said public administration, failure to inform the public and other negative practices are becoming too common. He said the association will gather information about poor management and will publicize it in an attempt to be a watchdog.

Veteran Liberal politician

Australia to attract Hongkong capital

ADELAIDE, Australia (AP). — Uncertainty over Hongkong's future has prompted many businessmen in the British colony to look to Australia for investment opportunities.

John Bannon, premier of the state of South Australia, said on returning from Hongkong on Sunday that he had been told of strong interest in Australian investments.

Britain is negotiating with China on returning Hongkong to Peking when the British lease runs out in 1997.

Bannon, who also visited Japan, and Singapore, said two investment teams from those nations would visit South Australia in the next few months to consider local investment prospects.

Israeli company displays GIL-1, computerized robot

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

A diligent, non-human worker was the star performer yesterday at the national computer exhibition being held at Binyamin Hauma in Jerusalem, where crowds flocked to watch him write or feed production machines with raw material.

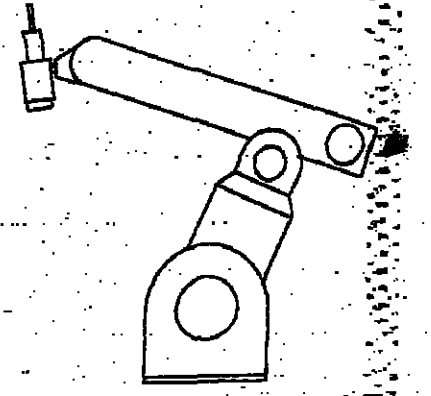
Dubbed GIL-1, the "worker" is a tiny six-axis computerized industrial robot that "can do just about anything for just about any manufacturer," according to Hanan Lechtman, systems manager for the instrument's producer, Sharnoa Electronics of Petah Tikva.

Both the hardware and software for GIL-1 were developed by a team headed by engineer Gil Hagiz, recipient of the Kaplan and Rothschild Prizes for his achievements in the introduction of computerized automation in Israeli industry.

"GIL-1 is only a prototype, the first of a four-member family of robots," Sharnoa research and development manager Binyamin Resheff said. "A robot's capabilities are limited only to the imagination of the person who creates the software for the computer to process and transmit to the robot work instructions."

"Our robots are activated by the R-742 computer which we also build. But if a customer already has his own computer, we will sell him a GIL robot with a communication channel that enables him to hook it up to any computer he wishes to use, even by remote control."

The remarkably "intelligent" GIL-1 robot on display yesterday can be "trained" in two ways — by manually orienting its movements and then entering them in the computer's memory, or by writing a



This drawing of the GIL-1 industrial robot, and the words "Jerusalem Post" underneath, were drawn by the robot as its two end-of-arm fingers grasped an ordinary felt-tipped marker.

programme based on mathematical formulae.

On Kaplan, Sharnoa's marketing manager, said: "We are now working on three other models. Among the various types of sensors we can furnish for the fingers — photoelectric, magnetic or other kinds. And we have software programmes that enable the robot to serve more than one machine at a time."

"For example, after feeding a part into a machine for a two-minute grinding or milling job, the robot can turn to another task, such as assembling or welding."

Kaplan could not mention a price for the robot, since that depends upon the system designed to activate it. However, a "very rough approximation" of a price tag for a GIL robot would be \$50,000, he believes.

U.S. eases credit terms for foreign buyers

WASHINGTON (AP). — The U.S. government's Export-Import Bank announced an increase Monday in the subsidies it gives to U.S. sales abroad in the form of easy loans to foreign buyers. Under a new international agreement, increases can also be given by other countries that subsidize sales in this way, such as Britain and France.

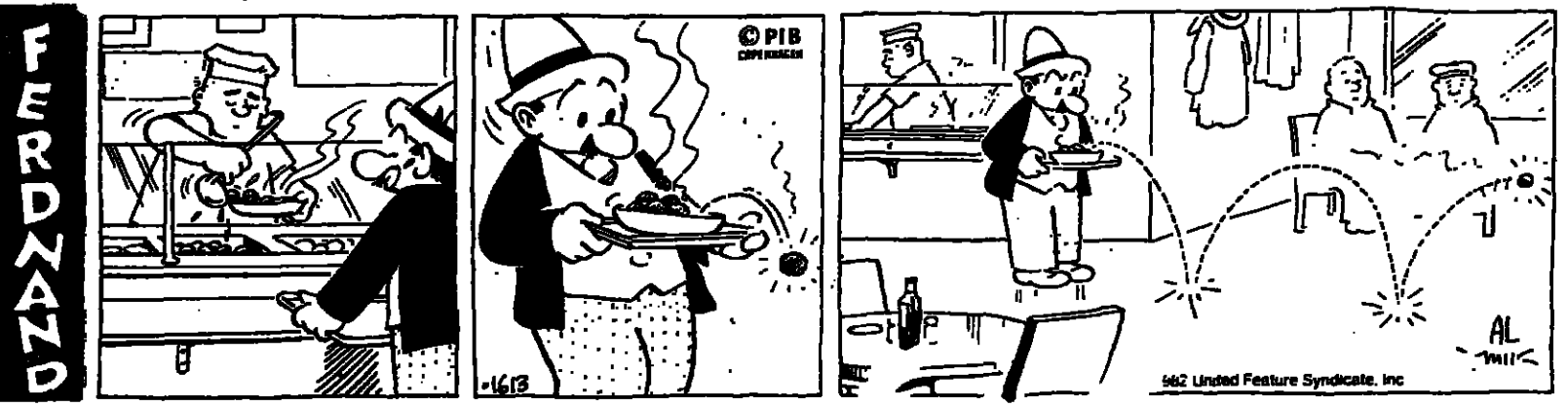
The new rates were agreed in Paris last week by the main governments concerned: the U.S., Japan and the 10 members of the European Community. The accord was

then circulated among all 24 members of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, the major lending countries of the world, and got their approval effective last Saturday.

Buyers in countries where the average annual income in 1979 was \$4,000 or less will have to pay interest at only 9.5 to 10.7 per cent a year instead of 10 to 11.35 per cent. Offers of loans amounting to \$6 billion will be affected, according to William Draper III, chairman of the Bank.

WHEAT. — The Yemen Arab Republic has ordered 18,000 metric tons of wheat from Australia, the Australian Wheat Board has announced in Melbourne.

OIL NERVES. — Gulf war nerves have added a fresh element of uncertainty to world oil markets, putting as much as 50 cents a barrel on the value of crude.



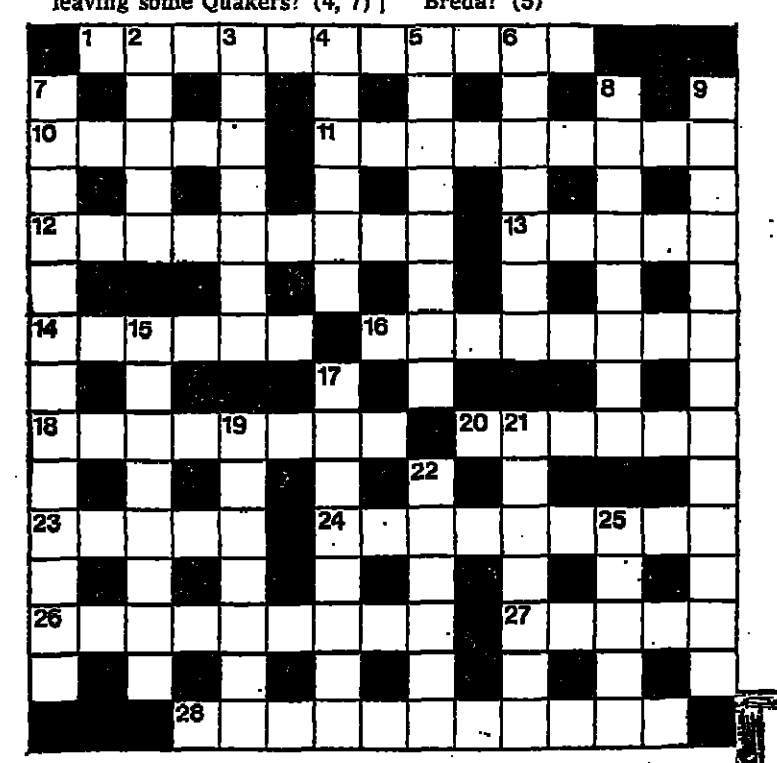
ONE-AND-ONE CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- Brusque ultimatum from union threatening industrial action if wage increase isn't conceded! (3, 2, 2, 4)
- Rex splits us up to seize power (5)
- A pound invested in one overseas land or another (9)
- Sort of affront that will soon be upon us (3, 3, 3)
- Post's "Good-bye" (5)
- Free of charge? (8)
- What one may expect the mineralogist to do? (8)
- Densely packed Wimbledon crowd may thrill to it (5, 3)
- A high-rise block in the country? (6)
- A buzzer left inside a white poplar (5)
- Social evil through which many have gone to pot (4, 5)
- A place that is haunted by memories of departed industries (5, 4)
- The last letter from Greece (5)
- Amicably shake hands when leaving some Quakers? (4, 7)

DOWN

- One who may vote from a bad ulterior motive (5)
- Riotous pals breaking up a Swedish university (7)
- A speaker who is good at splitting two alternatives (6)
- One firm's sword-shaped product (8)
- They run a little way with lots and lots of paper (7)
- Terribly big price to pay for a disastrous military attack? (7, 6)
- Joy and Glenda changing ship (8)
- Lost impetus, as the railways did under Beeching (3, 3, 2, 5)
- Free stabling for Dobbin (5, 3)
- Makes an announcement that could be dear to us (5, 3)
- She helped Orestes to send an artist to Westminster (7)
- An hotel rebuilt on the banks of the Shannon (7)
- Uncivil freeman? (8)
- Supplied with cheese from Breda? (5)



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FOREIGN CURRENCY
Yesterday's foreign exchange rates against the Israeli Shekel, for U.S. dollar transactions under \$3,000 and transactions of other currencies under the equivalent of \$300.

	Selling	Buying
US\$	82.2568	81.4405
Sterling	123.3732	122.1446
DM	31.8528	31.5355
French FR	10.4179	10.3141
Dutch G	28.4046	28.1217
Swiss FR	39.2556	38.8845
Swedish KR	10.8073	10.5016
Norwegian KR	11.3072	11.1946
Danish KR	8.8025	8.7148
Finnish MK	14.6500	14.5041
Canadian \$	68.8253	68.1607
Australian \$	75.4683	74.7176
Rand	73.6020	72.8689
Belgian Con (10)	15.8289	15.4712
Belgian Fr (10)	16.3886	16.2385
Austrian S (10)	45.3554	44.8925
Yen (100)	35.4974	35.1339
Italian (1000)	52.3598	51.8482

GOLD: \$397.70/\$38.20/oz.

INTERBANK SPOT RATES:

	US\$	DM	Swiss FR	French FR	Italian Lire	Dutch G	Yen	Danish KR	Swedish KR	Norwegian KR
1 month	1.5025/25	1.5818/25	2.0848/5	7.8945/5	1580.25/40	2.0930/40	231.75/50	9.4055/50	7.7500/780	7.2700/780
3 months	1.5027/41	1.5820/51	2.0850/5	7.8947/5	1580.25/40	2.0930/40	231.75/50	9.4055/50	7.7500/780	7.2700/780
6 months	1.5027/41	1.5820/51	2.0850/5	7.8947/5	1580.25/40	2.0930/40	231.75/50	9.4055/50	7.7500/780	7.2700/780

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Bank of Israel exchange rates

October 18, 1983	IS		IS
U.S. dollar	81.8464	Canadian dollar	66.4904
British sterling	122.7287	Australian dollar	75.0982
German mark	31.6964	South African rand	73.2730
French franc	10.3665	Belgian franc (10)	15.5469
Dutch guilder	28.2472	Austrian schilling (10)	45.0609
Swiss franc	39.0582	Italian lire (100)	5.2082
Swedish krona	10.5574	Japanese yen (100)	35.3045
Norwegian krona	11.3235	Jordanian dinar	220.99
Danish krone	8.7534	Lebanese lira	15.89
Finnish mark	14.5829	Egyptian-pound	74.1733

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"EURO PAZ", 1 UNIT		305.5300	308.4194
S.D.R.		86.7127	87.5843

FOREIGN CURRENCY EXCHANGE RATES FOR 10.10.83

COUNTRY	CURRENCY	CHEQUES AND TRANSACTIONS	BANKNOTES
		PURCHASE, SALE	PURCHASE, SALE
U.S.A.	DOLLAR	81.4238 82.2442	81.2200 85.9300
GREAT BRITAIN	STERLING	122.0247 123.2512	121.7100 128.7700
GERMANY	MARK	31.5090 31.8258	31.4200 33.2500
FRANCE	FRANC	10.3162 10.4199	9.9200 10.8900
HOLLAND	GUILDEN	28.1214 28.4041	28.0500 29.6800
SWITZERLAND	FRANC	38.8815 39.2724	38.7800 41.0000
SWEDEN	KRONA	10.5051 10.6108	10.3400 11.0900
NORWAY	KRONE	11.1900 11.3035	11.0100 11.8100
DENMARK	KRONE	8.7114 8.7990	8.5700 9.1900
FINLAND	MARK	14.5105 14.6364	14.2800 15.3100
CANADA	DOLLAR	66.1245 66.7892	65.4200 69.7800
AUSTRALIA	DOLLAR	74.8055 75.5574	71.9200 80.6000
SOUTH AFRICA	RAND	72.8772 73.6098	57.6400 61.4900
BELGIUM	FRANC	15.4684 15.6239	14.7400 15.3100
AUSTRIA	SCHILLING 10	44.8626 45.3136	44.7400 47.3400
ITALY	LIRE 1000	51.8635 52.3848	49.4000 54.7300
JAPAN	YEN 1000	351.5035 355.0365	350.6100 370.9500

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Sports

Champions Maccabi T.A. bite the dust at last

By DON GOULD
Post Basketball Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The sensation for which the fans have been waiting so avidly since the season began occurred last night, when Hapoel Ramat Gan pinned Maccabi Tel Aviv 95-94 in double extra time. The upset victory was only clinched in the dying moments of the game: Avigdor Moscovitz's driving lay-up clinched the fate of the champions as the clock ran out.

and Tel Aviv's bitter cup of defeat. Mickey Berkowitz took the game's scoring honours with 32 points, 22 of them scored in the second half, but Ramat Gan got five players into double figures, topped by Or Goren's 28 points. There was solid scoring by Steve Malovic with 20 points and ten rebounds, and Art Hauser with 18 points and nine rebounds.

Fast-improving Maccabi Haifa, down at one stage early in the second half by no fewer than 11 points, 43 to 34 — then ran off a phenomenal 26 unanswered points, and eventually rocked Maccabi Ramat Gan 82-76. Greg Cook got 30 points for the winners. For Ramat Gan, Doron Jancet scored 28 points, but the only really consistent effort from the disjointed squad came from Carl Amos, with 20 points and 12 rebounds.

This was not the end of the surprise on this strange night. Maccabi Darom, due to a remarkable effort by Corky Nelson, with 24 points and 10 rebounds, upset Hapoel Holon in Holon 74-68, thus achieving their first win of the season.

Kiryat Motzkin suffered a home court loss 91-80 to Haifa Hapoel, due to losing ace centre Richard Johnson on fouls midway in the first half and Dan Smith on fouls halfway through the second half. Haim Zlotnikman's 16 points led for Haifa, but Yaakov David of Motzkin with 32 points took the game's scoring honours.

Hapoel Tel Aviv, down 57-42 at the half, allowed Afeka only 24



Avigdor Moscovitz, hero of the night (Geller, Israel Sun)

points in the second half, and snatched a remarkable 88-81 home court win. Tel Aviv's fine centre Laronne Mercer took scoring honours with 28 points.

Betar Tel Aviv, using only five players, won their third game in a row by stopping Upper Galilee 94-85. This was the third straight loss for Upper Galilee, who were down 82-62 at one point, but fought back gallantly to make the margin comparatively small.

Betar's Darrell Robinson was playmaker, highest scorer (28) and top defence man for the team he led to victory. Greg McCormick, with 33 points and 8 rebounds, and Brad Leaf, with 24 points, were best for the losers.

Simmy Reguer commented after his team whipped Maccabi Tel Aviv. "With apologies to my wife, it was more exciting than getting married."

Women in Ashkelon

By JACK LEON
Post Sports Reporter

ASHKELON. — Orly Bialostocki, Rakafet Binyamini and Sagit Doron are the only Israelis who have not been eliminated from the Israel Tennis Centre's \$10,000 Gali women's pro tennis tournament that began yesterday at the Israel Tennis Centre here. The other seven Israelis who entered the first professional women's tennis tournament ever staged in Israel have all lost.

The meet is part of the Women's Tennis Association's international circuit, with computer points as well as prize money at stake.

Orly Bialostocki, the only seeded Israeli at no. 8 — got off to a good start, with a 6-1, 6-4 victory over West Germany's Kathrin Knutte. Rakafet Binyamini had an easy win, conceding only one game in two sets to French player Susanne Rolow. Doron had a much harder time than the other two Israelis, edging France's Beatrice Guery 4-6, 6-4, 3-1 in a 115-minute contest, which was the highlight of the first round.

Top seed Tine Scheuer-Larsen, of Denmark, currently ranked around 150 in the world on the WTA computer, defeated England's Belinda Borneo 7-5, 6-1. No. 2 seed



Rakafet Binyamini (Goldfarb, IPPA)

Elizabeth Jones of England was far too strong for Germany's Barbara Greuter, and won with ease, 6-1, 6-1.

The surprise of the tournament was the defeat of fifth seed Isabelle Vernhes of France by unseeded Isabel Cueto of Germany, 6-3, 6-0. The tournament continues until Saturday, with entrance free today and tomorrow. Play starts daily at 2 p.m. Tel Meyer and Tia Ben Ami are the tournament managers, and the referee-supervisor is Aharon Sapir. The players are staying at the Shulamit Gardens Hotel.

Boycott of Boycott

Post Sports Staff

Geoffrey Boycott will definitely not play for Yorkshire next season. Despite pleas from his devoted supporters throughout the county, the county committee yesterday reconfirmed its decision to drop him during his testimonial year.

The chairman, Ronnie Burnett, said: "Geoff has been a very great player, but there are other considerations. The team is more important than any individual. There has been too much attention on one player, and the focus should now be on all of them."

One of the greatest batsmen of all time, Boycott scored more runs in test match cricket than any other player in history. He made his debut for Yorkshire in 1962. Although now in his 40s, he had a great season in 1983, far surpassing any other Yorkshire batsman in both aggregate and average. But he has an abrasive personality and quarrelled interminably with the team's captain, Ray Illingworth, another great Yorkshire and England veteran.

Great second half earns 2-2 draw with Ipswich

By PAUL KOHN
Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Two goals headed by Eli Yanni within less than one minute in the second half enabled the Israel Olympic team to hold Ipswich, the English First Division team, now sixth in the League, to a highly creditable 2-2 draw at the Bloomfield Stadium yesterday.

At the end of the first half, with Ipswich leading 2-0, most of the 8,000 fans were guessing whether the visitors would win by five or six clear goals, they had been so clearly on top. In the 10th minute, Robert Turner cracked in a 14m. shot, and in the 20th, the nippy Kevin Callaghan slotted in the second.

Compared to the smooth-flowing East Anglian machine in which the players showed some lovely touches of teamwork, the Israel Olympic side looked cumbersome and made heavy weather of even moving into the Ipswich half. But, in the 25th minute, David Pizanti hit the post with a shot from 25m., and, when Zhai Arneli was brought on to replace the ineffective Shabtai Levy, the home side showed more purpose in attack.

Nevertheless, nobody expected

what happened in the second half, in the 50th and 51st minutes. Israel opened the half like a different side. They displayed great determination. Following a free kick on the right and a corner on the left the tall Yanni from Hapoel Kfar Sava rose above the defence to reduce the lead. In the next attack, Arneli, centred accurately to find the head of the unmarked Yanni, who again beat Cooper in the Ipswich goal to level the score 2-2.

From then on, the revitalized Israeli team got first to most balls. Shlomo Mizrahi and Maurice Jano suddenly hit peak form in midfield, and striker, Gil Landau showed some tricky touches. In the 70th minute, Landau was clean through, only to be blocked by goalkeeper Cooper. Referee Zvi Sharir pointed to the penalty spot in what was a very doubtful decision. Justice was done when Cooper blocked Lasry's spot kick.

At the other end, Arie Alter played an outstanding game in the Israeli goal, showing a great deal of confidence and a pair of safe hands to keep all Ipswich's renewed efforts out. John Wark of Scotland and Butcher, the England international, were best for Ipswich.

Baseball stars guilty of drug offences

KANSAS CITY (AP). — The U.S. Government hopes to complete a drug investigation that has led to the cocaine convictions of four present and former Kansas City Royals in what apparently has become major league baseball's worst drug scandal.

Vida Blue, who pitched for the World Champion Oakland A's in the 1970s, pleaded guilty on Monday to a Federal misdemeanor charge of possessing three grams of cocaine. Three of the pitcher's former Royals' team-mates pleaded guilty last week to a similar drug charge stemming from the drug probe. Blue was released by the Royals on August 5.

Willie Wilson, the 1982 American League batting champion, first baseman Willie Aikens and outfielder Jerry Martin pleaded guilty last week to attempting to possess cocaine.

All four have been released on \$5,000 unsecured bonds and face maximum penalties of one year in prison and \$5,000 fines. The sentencing of all four is scheduled for November 17.

U.S. attorney Jim Marquez has said he expected a federal grand jury investigating cocaine traffic in suburban Johnson County, Kansas, to return "many indictments." The investigation was not necessarily limited to baseball players, he said.

Assistant U.S. attorney Amanda Meers said in court hearings last week that Wilson, Aikens and Martin were heard in FBI-wiretapped telephone conversations in June trying to make arrangements to buy cocaine.

The Royals said Martin was informed before he was charged that his contract would not be renewed for 1984. Blue had a guaranteed contract through 1984 for a reported \$600,000 a year, but Royals' general manager John Schuerholz said Monday he could not comment on whether the guilty plea would have any effect on Blue's contract.

Schuerholz said he thought drug abuse was "a problem throughout professional sports."

But he added, "The Players' Association has agreed it is a problem that must be shared with them; as well, and has agreed to work with management to develop a meaningful drug programme that can combat the drug problem we currently have and ultimately eliminate the problem and rid our business of the blemish that this brings to all of us."

Blue, 34, who pitched for the Oakland A's in the early to mid-1970s and later for the San Francisco Giants, was traded to the Royals in March, 1982.

French to tour S. Africa

PARIS (AP). — The French Rugby Federation will break its agreement not to play against South Africa and will resume tours there, Federation president Albert Ferrasse said this week.

Interviewed on nationwide television, Ferrasse indicated his decision was directly related to the French Renault team having competed in last Saturday's South African Grand Prix, the final round of the world championship, which they lost.

Ferrasse said the sight of the French competing there "had hurt" French rugby players.

Ferrasse had agreed under intensive Government pressure, culminating in a personal meeting with President Francois Mitterrand, to cancel the scheduled tour to South Africa by the all-amateur side.

In the interview, he said he had agreed because Mitterrand had invoked "reasons of state."

But now, he said, "We will go to South Africa," one of the major world rugby nations and a traditional opponent of France. Though not shown in the interview, the announcement quoted Ferrasse as saying a tour would take place at an unspecified time "whether it pleases or not."

New York Stock Exchange

NEW YORK. — The Dow Jones fell sharply in the last hour, closing at 1250.81, off 17.89. Volume was brisk with 91.7 million shares traded.

Declining issues led advances by more than 3 to 1. Trading in Digital Equipment was halted for a short time as the company reported 25 cent to 35 cent approximate earnings.

D.J. Avg.	4,250.81	-17.88
Transport	385.46	-6.15
Utilities	137.32	-3.87
Volume	91,698,100	
D.J. LIST		
Alcoa	43 1/2	-1/2
Allied Chem.	56	n.c.
Amer. Brands	55 1/2	n.c.
Amer. Can.	43 1/2	-1/2
Amer. Exp.	33 1/2	-1/2
Amer. T & T	64 1/2	-1/2
Beth Steel	24 1/2	-1/2
Chrysler	80 1/2	-1 1/2
Du Pont	51 1/2	-1/2
East Kodak	70 1/2	-1 1/2
Exxon	39 1/2	+1
Gen. Elect.	51	-1/2
Gen. Foods	49 1/2	+1/2
Gen. Motors	77 1/2	-1 1/2
Goodyear	31 1/2	-1/2
Intl. Bus.	12 1/2	n.c.
Intl. Harv.	12 1/2	n.c.
Intl. Paper	52	-1/2
Intl. Nickel	15 1/2	-1/2
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The Liberal embarrassment

THE HUMILIATION visited upon the Liberal Party by Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's choice of his Herut Knesset Member Yigal Cohen-Or as the new finance minister is only the last in a series, and if anything it is well deserved.

Once the agency through which Herut itself obtained its legitimacy in the eyes of the public, the Liberal Party has in recent years become a mere dependency of Herut. Dancing to the Herut piper, it has gradually shed its one-time political beliefs, which eschewed extreme nationalism and the acceptance of religious coercion. In the process it has also lost its constituency. With 17 deputies in parliament and seven cabinet ministers, it is today monstrously over-represented.

Such strength as the Liberal Party commands is used strictly to further the personal interests of the party's placemen-leaders. That is the only Liberal commitment today.

Because of its divorce from the people at large, however, even these personal interests have suffered. The original Likud understanding provided for Herut primacy in foreign affairs and defence, and for Liberal control of finance and economics. Yet when Simha Ehrlich quit the Treasury in 1979, the then premier, Menachem Begin, offered the post first to La'am and then to his own Herut.

Characteristically, the Liberals could not even agree among themselves who of their number should get the coveted prize. The same pattern of behaviour repeated itself this week. Thus, unfettered by the ties of sentiment that had bound Mr. Begin to the Liberals, Mr. Shamir felt entirely free to appoint a party colleague as finance minister. He knew in advance that, fume as they might, the Liberals would approve his choice in both the cabinet and the Knesset. After all, they had themselves acted two years ago to empower the premier to select his ministers as he pleased.

Plainly, the label of party no longer becomes the Liberals. The Liberal Party, its one-time leader Elimelech Rimalt suggested on Monday, is politically extinct.

Some Liberals still think they can resuscitate their party. They admit that its faults are legion — MK Dror Zeigerman's devastating critique could hardly be matched for ferocity by an oppositionist. But these faults can, they believe, be overcome if the Liberals split up, one group merging with Herut and the other setting up its own house. Yet the rebellious "gang of four," which includes Mr. Zeigerman, can think of nothing better in the interim than that it should form a separate faction within the Likud.

But as they pose as critics of their party and the government pretending to be true bearers of the Liberal torch, they, in practice, maintain the status quo and the government policies they criticize.

In a sense this gang of four is thus even more hypocritical than the rest of the Liberal MK's and ministers, who at least do not pretend to pursue more than their personal interests.

A new Jordanian option

THE REPORT from Washington that the U.S. intends to arm and train two Jordanian brigades for a rapid deployment role in the Persian Gulf is naturally disconcerting at first sight. After all, Jordan is in a state of war with Israel; and this injection of American resources and expertise will inevitably enhance its army's effectiveness and self-confidence.

The report, moreover, is essentially accurate, despite the Reagan administration's reluctance to confirm it. The Israel government has known of the scheme for some time, and has expressed its deep anxiety to Washington.

Natural disconcertment cannot, however, be the totality of Israel's reaction. Only those Israelis who shared Ariel Sharon's idle fantasizing about the scope of Israel's strategic role, and the exclusivist nature of its alliance with the U.S., will fail to recognize the realism and pragmatism — in American terms — of the proposed reliance on Jordan. What is envisaged is intervention, in time of extreme need, in a Moslem country. It is only reasonable for Washington to seek a Moslem proxy to assume that role.

Nor does the extent of the military challenge posed by the proposed Jordanian force warrant a major outcry, and a major row with Washington. There is no need to conceal Israel's concern, but no purpose would be served in exaggerating it.

In this respect the government's low-key response has been wise.

Where the government has been unduly silent, however, is in failing to demand of the U.S. that its strategic relationship with Jordan be closely, indeed conditionally, linked to a new diplomatic flexibility on the part of the Hashemite Kingdom.

There have been hints once again from King Hussein of late that he might be prepared to reconsider his rejection of the Reagan initiative of September 1982. Probably the discomfiture of Yasser Arafat and the Syrian-sponsored radicalization of the PLO have made him ponder. In Washington, with the appointment of a new national security adviser, a thorough review of Middle East policy is said to be underway. The new adviser, Robert McFarlane, has an intimate, up-to-date knowledge of the area and its problems.

But there are no indications that the review, Hussein's hints, and the proposed Jordanian Rapid Deployment Force are all parts of a whole — as they very much ought to be.

Mr. McFarlane, fireman-in-chief for putting out Mideast conflagrations — and adept at that task — should now show that his approach in his more exalted position will be more comprehensive, less piecemeal, than America's Mideast policy has been this past year.

For the Likud-led government in Israel, King Hussein's rejectionism, and Washington's acquiescence in it, have been convenient and continue to be desirable. But there are very many Israelis who do not regard the prospect of negotiation and compromise with Jordan as a fearful nightmare, nor the Reagan proposals as anathema.

The creation by the U.S. of a Jordanian Rapid Deployment Force is a rare opportunity for Washington to insist that Amman cooperate in achieving these goals.

KOHL ON THE DEFENSIVE

By MEIR MERHAV

WEST GERMAN Chancellor Helmut Kohl returned from a visit to Saudi Arabia with an almost Solomonic compromise — Germany will sell the Saudis only "defensive" weapons, and no German soldiers will be stationed in the desert kingdom to teach the Saudis how to use them.

A Saudi military delegation will visit Germany before the end of the year to specify its shopping list. But the sale of Leopard-2 tanks, Kohl emphasized, will not be under discussion.

At first glance, it all looks fairly innocuous — if large-scale arms sales, of any kind and anywhere, can be called "innocuous." Kohl, believing himself half-bound by a half-promise of his predecessor, Helmut Schmidt, to sell the Saudis the sophisticated Leopard-2 tanks, and under heavy pressure from the German industry and their political patrons, walked a tightrope.

In addition to the domestic pressures to relax still further the already watered-down restrictions on German arms exports outside NATO, Kohl felt the hot wind of the Arabian desert blowing in his face.

Saudi Arabia has lent Germany some \$10 billion in 1980-1982 alone. It has also deposited many billions more in German banks. And export-hungry German firms are queuing up for orders from Riyadh and Jiddah, alongside with their competitors from the U.S. and Europe.

ON THE other hand, there is and was Israel to consider — or, more accurately, what the opposition and a good part of Kohl's own coalition would say about the sale of German arms to a country that is in a state of war with Israel and that can be counted on to finance Israel's enemies and also to supply the same arms to any Arab state if it becomes engaged in actual combat with Israel.

Helmut Kohl has therefore struck a compromise — the Federal Republic will sell Saudi Arabia only "defensive" weapons, such as the Gepard anti-aircraft gun-carrier, the Marder armoured personnel carrier, the Roland ground-to-air missile, and assorted sophisticated electronic air-defence equipment.

"Offensive" weapons, such as the Leopard-2 tank, with its efficient 120 mm. smooth-bore gun, are out — at least for the time being, although the Saudis may hope to get them later.

Domestic pressures against the deal, Kohl told a television reporter on the flight home, are what a political leader must expect, and be ready to face.

And protests by Israel? Well, the Israelis will have to accept that Germany has existential interests in the Arab world, particularly in Saudi Arabia. Germany wants to keep and deepen the friendship with both. And, after all, even if there is no proof that Helmut Schmidt actually promised the Saudis the coveted Leopard-2 tanks, the Saudis believe that he had.

IT ALL SOUNDS amiable and balanced, even peace-promoting ("After all, Saudi Arabia has never yet attacked any other country") and as a contribution to goodwill and compromise all round. The perfect Kohl style.

Nevertheless, it is a piece of cynical bluff and political sleight of hand, and goes much further than just one more of those unscrupulous arms sales to which the world has become accustomed (and in which Israel, too, also plays an important role, albeit with much greater justification than Germany).

Firstly, with his offer of military cooperation to Saudi Arabia, Kohl has made a decisive break with a long-standing German policy in a particularly sensitive area. Germany has sold arms to dozens of countries outside NATO before. These, however, were case-by-case sales. They neither included nor implied an agreement for continuing military cooperation, as is the case now with Saudi Arabia.

Secondly, the difference between defensive and offensive weapons is a sham, designed to mislead the public — and it does not even succeed at that.

As the Social Democratic *Frankfurter Rundschau* and the liberal *Süddeutsche Zeitung* were quick to point out, a weapon such as the Gepard — which is defensive if taken by itself — is not used in isolation to ward off attacks from the air. It is used in combined operations, to protect offensive armour against counter-attacks from the air.

It can be used in combined operations together with American Abrams tanks or Soviet T-72s just as well as with German Leopards.

Given that in any war, Israel's geography dictates offensive tactics (what the Germans, in their own defence planning, call "forward defence"), the supply of Gepards, Rolands and the other goodies that Kohl has now promised the Saudis are just as much a threat to Israel's security as the Leopard-2s — or only a shade less so.

Thirdly, to assuage Israel's sensibilities, Kohl has promised that there would be no German soldiers in Saudi Arabia to instruct its army in the use of the sophisticated weaponry that is to be supplied.

That, again, is a sham. The German arms suppliers do not need the uniformed men of the German Bundeswehr. Civilian technicians will do — and the days when German rocket experts operated in Egypt are still not forgotten.

Fourthly, there is the argument that what the Germans won't supply to the Saudis would, in any event, be acquired from another source. And so it makes no difference to Israel's security who sells the arms to Saudi Arabia (and, tomorrow, to other Arab states).

Perhaps it doesn't, at least where the Europeans are concerned. The U.S., at least, can compensate Israel for any upgrading of the military capability of an Arab state it supplies. The Europeans can't and won't.

Ultra-irreligious

By BERNIE BERNIKER

It may not be widely known, especially among the secular population, but according to Jewish law, a Jew is not allowed to throw a rock on Saturday. Indeed, it is forbidden even to pick one up. Whoever does this is simply violating the law. He is a sinner. Whoever attacks Jewish

people is also guilty of *hillel Hashem*, desecration of the Name. This is one of the worst human transgressions.

How is it that a person who transgresses the law and commits all kinds of sins is called "ultra" — meaning ultra-religious? If

READERS' LETTERS

THE 2 PER CENT GIVERS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir — It certainly is to the credit of Eliezer Whartman that he admits that the "UJA provides only about 2 per cent of Israel's budget" ("The big rip-off" — October 6), yet his conclusions are truly amazing.

1) This 2 per cent should entitle us "to speak out on those aspects of life in Israel which bother us."

2) Should any law be passed which we do not like, we "will not give a penny to the so-called Jewish state" (this will teach them to rip us off).

My conclusions are quite different:

1) I do not feel ripped off. On the contrary, I feel ashamed that the UJA contributes only 2 per cent to the Israeli budget and that we leave 98 per cent of the burden to be carried by our brothers and sisters in Israel, on top of the sleepless nights they spend thinking of their

children in the army.

2) For contributing this paltry 2 per cent, we should feel ripped off and we should claim the right to criticize? Certainly not!

For this 2 per cent, Israel is giving us the pride to have our own state, Israeli ambassadors in our countries, our dignity as Jews in the Diaspora. For this 2 per cent, we are entitled to come to Israel, should one day any other country not want us.

Instead of criticizing, let us be humble and thank God that our children did not have to give blood for Israel. Let us work hard and try to raise our contributions from 2 to 4 per cent of the budget, and let Israel be a sovereign state free to pass the laws it pleases without fear of blackmail from the 2 per cent givers.

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ACCESSIBILITY FOR DISABLED

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir — Wendy Pullan's two articles in *Today* on "Architecture for the handicapped" were highly commendable inasmuch as they revealed the sad state of accessibility for Israel's disabled population to all kinds of facilities — shopping, entertainment, educational, medical and governmental.

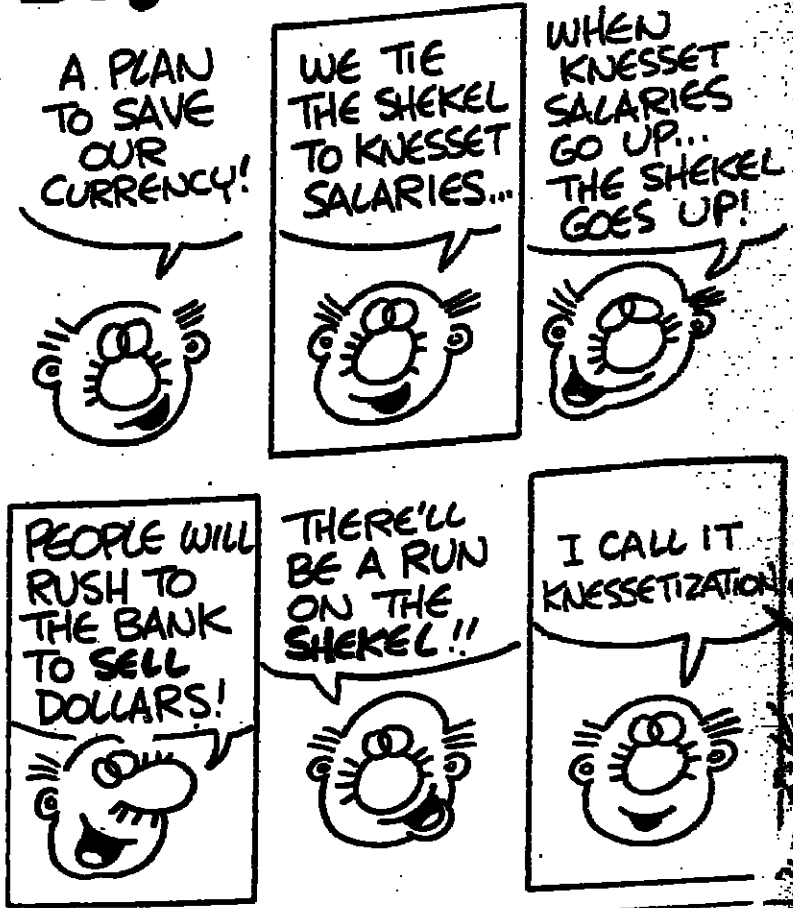
The fact must be faced that when it comes to "accessibility," Israel lags far behind most developed countries. The famous international wheelchair symbol for "access-

sibility" is rarely seen on Israel's streets or buildings.

At Wingate Institute's Zimman College, I am teaching Israel's first course in therapeutic recreation. Hopefully this seminar and future ones can develop generations that will spearhead a thrust for the rights of all disabled persons to an optimum quality of life that includes access to all areas of Israeli activities.

LESTER RHOADES,
Professor, Recreation and Leisure Services
Netanya.

Dry Bones



In addition, there is the single all-important consideration that Kohl, who was born in 1930, feels free to sweep under the carpet — that what Britain, France or even Italy may permit themselves even by the cynical and unscrupulous rules of the arms trade, Germany may not.

THAT IS NOT merely an appeal to morality. Germany sits on the nuclear powder keg of the world. Both the defenders and the opponents of the stationing of new nuclear missiles in Germany know that if a war, even a conventional war breaks out between East and West, Germany — East and West — will be doomed to extinction.

The powder keg is in Germany, but the fuses are lit elsewhere, most particularly in the Middle East.

With his promise of Arms deliveries to Saudi Arabia, and long-term military cooperation, Kohl has just lit another fuse that may one day blow his country to pieces.

True, that might have been done by others, and probably would have if Kohl had stuck to the Federal Republic's long-standing policy in this matter.

But why a German chancellor must do it to his own country must be left to him — the appointed judge of German self-interest.

Finally, was there a German commitment to supply Leopard-2 tanks, or other arms, to Saudi Arabia?

The chancellor office in Bonn has combed the files and has found no conclusive evidence that Helmut Schmidt ever committed himself. Schmidt himself, in an article published on October 7 in *Die Zeit*, came out against any arms sales, either to Israel or the Arab states. Nor have the Saudis claimed — at least according to what has been made public — that there has been any definitive promise.

Like so many other politicians, Kohl has sacrificed a principle to expediency, a claim to being a new and different Germany to a few more jobs in the German arms industry and the profits of their owners, as well as to the financial padding provided by billions of Saudi petrodollars.

He may discover that he has laid himself open to blackmail.

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anything, he should be called ultra-irreligious.

As an Orthodox Jew, I believe that such a person is certainly no more religious than the driver of the car he stoned. In fact, he is less religious than the driver of the car. A religious person must assume that if someone is driving a car on the Sabbath, he is doing so because a life is at stake. If not that, then one must assume that the person is ignorant of the law. No matter how one construes the situation, it doesn't change the fact that it is

against Jewish law to throw stones at a car on the Sabbath.

What makes these people ultra? Is it the fact that they dress up in a certain outfit? We can all do that. Should I choose to wear a black outfit and black headgear, would that make me more religious? I doubt it. On Purim, many people dress up in all kinds of outfits. That doesn't make them cowboys, Indians or Hassidim.

It is about time that we call a spade a spade, an ultra-Orthodox person ultra-Orthodox and a transgressor a transgressor.

LACK OF SYNAGOGUES

Haifa, of which we hear so much at pre-election time, is bent so obviously in favour of the non-religious. The latest brochure on Haifa reveals an abysmal neglect of the religious. One would think we are a community of, at best, the Baha'i faith.

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